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A rainbow stretches across the University of Mary Washington's Fredericksburg campus, arching over Bushnell and Jefferson halls. Photo by Robert A. Martin.

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A message from the executive editor: *TODAY* is a part of the University of Mary Washington's past. The magazine, called *TODAY* for more than 35 years, has a new name that more accurately reflects what it is – the **University of Mary Washington Magazine**. After considerable discussion regarding name and design options, the magazine's editorial board decided the time to make a change is now – as Mary Washington concludes the celebration of an era and looks forward to a new one. The magazine and its staff anticipate many bright tomorrows.

Readers Respond to **Centennial** Issue

Dear Editors,

Your centennial issue (Winter 2008) arrived this week and I can't wait another moment to express my absolute delight and amazement to you all. What an outstanding job you have accomplished in putting together such a beautiful and delightfully informative publication.

The cover design combining the two different eras showing students walking past Trinkle was fabulous. What a great shot! Congratulations to the photographer and Photoshop expert on melding the two into a cohesive and eye-catching picture! That cover just made you want to hurry and open the magazine to find out how the photo was done and who those serious gals were marching in black and white up the campus road!

Your stories, including the ones about the first men on campus (which was hilarious), the four generations of the family of Annie Morris, the photo archives, James Farmer, Bill Crawley's visit with the oldest alumna, Pauline Cosby Clements '23 – and all the others were so interesting and beautifully written.

The whole layout, color and paper quality, and placement of articles was top-rate.

You have done a fantastic job. Congratulations to one and all.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Ross Bevan '80
Spotsylvania, Virginia

Dear Editors,

Last week, I received the latest issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine*. What a refreshing change! In the past, I would glance through the seemingly repetitive articles about administration members and dry financial news and discard the magazine immediately. But this issue was packed with cool photos and student-interest stories that made me smile, reminisce, and laugh out loud. I read it almost cover to cover. Nice job!

Sincerely,
Paige Peapples Delaney '91
Fairbanks, Alaska

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2008 Executives in Residence Mean Business

At a time when few schools were accepting female MBA candidates, **Sarah Armstrong Gregg '48** wasn't about to back down. Encouraged by a former professor, Gregg rolled up her sleeves and enrolled in New York University's business program.

"He was right," she said about the Mary Washington professor who urged her to push the limits. "I wasn't intimidated at all."

Gregg went on to take the business world by storm, becoming the first female vice president of Federated Department Stores, which later became Macy's.

Success stories like these and the lessons they convey are at the core of UMW's Executive-in-Residence program, which teaches students about free enterprise by introducing them to corporate leaders. In past years, the program has brought to the school some of the biggest names in the business world, including billionaire investor Warren Buffett; former Circuit City Chairman Richard Sharp; and the head of the Ukrop's supermarket chain, James Ukrop.

This year, as part of UMW's Centennial Celebration, the 20th annual program included a panel of four Mary Washington alumni – all accomplished entrepreneurs – whose graduation dates spanned the past six decades, from 1948 to 2007.

During the two-day March event, panelists met with students, faculty, and area business leaders to discuss the challenges of the corporate world and the qualities they believe contributed most significantly to their success.

All agreed that their early experiences in the classroom topped the list of positive experiences.

"The first quality was my education from Mary Washington," said **Gaynelle Parrish Grizzard '50**, who co-owns with her husband Georgia's Southeastern Mill, which manufactures grits, flour, cornmeal, and specialty mixes. The company holds contracts with such noteworthy businesses as Kellogg, has about 230 employees, and boasts yearly sales of about $250 million.

Iris Harrell '69; Sarah Armstrong Gregg '48; Doug Simpson '04, MBA '07; and Gaynelle Parrish Grizzard '50 were the 2008 Executives in Residence. The annual program is designed to teach students about free enterprise by introducing them to corporate leaders.

In addition to Gregg and Grizzard, the panel included **Iris Harrell '69** and **Doug Simpson '04, MBA '07**.

Harrell founded Harrell Remodeling Inc. in 1985 and is president of the award-winning San Francisco Bay area design-and-build residential remodeling company, which earns $11 million in annual sales and employs a staff of 50. Harrell has appeared in several periodicals, received multiple awards, and frequently makes corporate presentations.

Simpson, who established the Charlottesville-based technical solutions development company Adasphere in 2006, mentioned how fortunate UMW students are to receive a liberal arts education. Having an understanding of multiple disciplines is advantageous in the business world, he said.

While at UMW, the panelists spoke both at the Stafford and Fredericksburg campuses, addressing MBA students and members of three upper-level business administration courses.

Additionally, the executives engaged in a question-and-answer session with community members and local business leaders during a breakfast gathering at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

The Executive-in-Residence program aims not only to bring recognized business leaders to UMW, but also to promote interaction between the University and local companies. Funding is provided by an endowment started in 1989 by Dominion Bank and the former Southland Corp.

– Erin Leach-Kemon '08

Celebrating a Tradition, **Creating a Future**

MYTH: Because the University of Mary Washington is a public institution, little support is needed from outside contributors.

FACT: Public support for the University of Mary Washington is dwindling. While UMW is considered a state-supported school, only slightly more than a quarter of the institution's operating budget comes from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

How, then, are the remaining expenses to be met?

Tuition and fees cover a portion, but private dollars are essential to filling the funding gap.

With that realization, the University of Mary Washington Foundation was established three decades ago. The Foundation operates exclusively to receive and administer private, corporate, and grant funds. This support is vital to the maintenance and enhancement of the University's academic and residential programs.

Private dollars can make the difference as to whether a student attends Mary Washington or not, or whether a residence hall lobby is renovated or not.

Arabelle Laws Arrington '41 has been a loyal supporter of UMW. Ten years ago, she was behind the "Arrington Challenge," a fundraising effort that provided support for faculty recruitment, retention, and special benefits including tuition assistance for faculty and staff children enrolled at UMW.

"I give to Mary Washington because Mary Washington gave so much to me when I was a student and, to this day, continues to give to me," Mrs. Arrington said. "I love the campus, the students, and the faculty, and I am dedicated to helping the University succeed into the next century."

As UMW concludes celebration of its centennial year and looks toward its promising future, the University has launched a $75 million Centennial Campaign as a way of "Celebrating a Tradition, Creating a Future."

There is, indeed, much to celebrate at UMW, which has evolved into one of the premier public universities in the country. From its roots as a women's teachers college, UMW is now on the cutting edge of technology, and each year it continues to attract the brightest men and women. (In Virginia, Mary Washington is the third most selective state school behind William & Mary and the University of Virginia.)

In order to keep pace with those schools – and UMW's endowment-rich counterparts – the University needs to broaden its avenues of support. While continued state funding is important, the school can flourish only with supplemental private support from

Above: The University of Mary Washington has launched a $75-million Centennial Campaign, which includes a $35-million endowment goal, $15 million in support of the Fund for Mary Washington, and $25 million slated for capital improvements and the preservation and enhancement of campus facilities.
At left: John Chappell honored his late wife with a private gift that funded the Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 Centennial Campanile, which has become a UMW landmark.

alumni and their families, parents, faculty, staff, community members, and corporations. Mary Washington relies on contributions from those who see the value and potential of this educational gem.

A priority of the Centennial Campaign is the creation of new endowments and the expansion of existing ones. Since the principal is never expended, such gifts continue to grow, producing a constant source of funding for generations to come.

Endowments provide the foundation and the impetus to give institutions an edge. They provide for capital improvements and program embellishments, and allow schools to attract top-notch faculty and students.

"Only with a substantial endowment can UMW do those things essential for greatness, such as attracting and retaining the finest teachers by enhancing faculty salaries and establishing endowed professorships," said William B. Crawley Jr., who serves as the campaign's National Chair along with his wife, Theresa Young Crawley '77. "It is also crucial for funding scholarships for worthy students and to help increase diversity."

The University has set $35 million as its endowment goal. If the goal is met, it would help elevate the University to the level of some of its peer institutions. At the end of the last fiscal year, the market value of Mary Washington's endowment assets equaled $38.9 million. While this is a milestone for UMW, the amount represents only one-tenth that of Virginia Military Institute, and is not even in the same league when compared to endowments at other Virginia institutions of higher education, including Virginia Tech ($524.7 million) and U.Va. ($4.4 billion).

In addition to endowment funds, the campaign is seeking $15 million in support of the **Fund for Mary Washington**. Annual contributions to this designation go toward the day-to-day operational needs of the University. The remaining $25 million

Elmer R. Morris Jr. '50 and Marceline Weatherly Morris '50 (couple on right) made a Centennial Campaign gift to establish the Richard V. and Rosemary A. Hurley (couple on left) Presidential Commendation. The endowed award will be given annually to a UMW employee who performs exceptionally meritorious service while demonstrating strength of character and steadfast dedication to the University's mission.

Above: The University of Mary Washington relies heavily on private donations for funding that allows the school to attract excellent professors. **At right:** The University Tennis Center was funded by a private donation, as was the Jepson Science Center and the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

Terry Cosgrove

Stephen Dodson surprised his wife and her classmates at the Reunion Weekend celebration on May 31 by announcing a major contribution to the Centennial Campaign. His gift will endow the Merrilyn Sawyer Dodson/Class of 1968 Scholarship.

for the campaign is slated for capital improvements and enhancements to preserve and refine campus facilities and the Mary Washington way of life.

With projected restrictions on dollars received from the Commonwealth of Virginia, private contributions are crucial for the first-rate construction, renovation, and refurbishing of campus buildings. As UMW looks toward the exciting extension of its "living and learning" environment across U.S. Route 1 to newly-acquired property, it will use as a model recent campus structures that exist only as a result of significant private gifts. These include the state-of-the-art Jepson Science building, the stunning Jepson Alumni Executive Center, and the University Tennis Center.

Another privately funded project, the Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 Centennial Campanile, has already become a UMW landmark. Dedicated last year, the tower on the undergraduate campus stands as an 88-foot symbol of a donor's dedication and commitment. John Chappell wanted to honor his late wife in a tangible way on the campus she adored, and the bell tower materialized as the perfect project to do so. "We learned," John Chappell said, "that whatever is undertaken by Mary Washington is completed with the highest possible result."

That is true whether the pursuit be academics or economic advancement. Renowned Pulitzer Prize-winning author David McCollough, on campus for the centennial convocation ceremony, put it this way: "One of the reasons I am so glad to be taking part in this new campaign for the University of Mary Washington is that any money that is contributed, put into the greatest of all causes – the love of learning – is as well invested as anything that we, in our time, can do. Period."

Ways to **Give**

Cash/Security Gifts:
Campaign gifts can be made with cash or credit cards, by automatic checking account withdrawal, or through transfer of securities.

Real Estate Gifts:
Many gift options are available for transfer of properties including a personal residence, vacation home, farm, and investment or commercial property.

Pledges:
Donors may pledge to pay campaign gifts over a designated period of time not to exceed five years.

Matching Gifts:
Donors may include the value of an expected matching gift from a qualifying employer as part of a gift or pledge.

The UMW Foundation can accept various forms of "planned" or "deferred" gifts, including gifts of real estate, insurance payments, bequests, annuities, and other life income instruments.

For more information, visit www.umw.edu/centennialcampaign or call 540/692-0004.

Phi Beta Kappa selects key individuals from UMW

In addition to inducting 51 new student members, the UMW Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa elected as honorary members longtime academic dean Philip L. Hall, now retired, and Professor Emerita of English Carol S. Manning. At the same time this spring, **Mona Davis Albertine '71** and **Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda '69** were elected alumni members of the UMW chapter, established in 1970.

Albertine, a businesswoman and former rector of UMW's Board of Visitors, is active in alumni affairs. Kreiter-Foronda – poet, painter, sculptor, author, and lifelong educator – is Virginia's Poet Laureate. (Read about her new poetry collection, *River Country*, on page 47.)

The nation's oldest academic honor society, Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776, during the American Revolution.

William B. Crawley Jr.

Centennial Series Highlighted History's Best

Special Great Lives lectures celebrate some of the most influential people of the past century

Great Lives, a series of lectures that focus on exceptional people throughout history, has long been a popular UMW program. This year, organizers put a special spin on the program, with a centennial edition that featured talks about important historical figures whose lives coincided with the University's existence, from 1908 to 2008.

Karen Pearlman

Philip Nel, author of *Dr. Seuss: American Icon*, and associate professor of English and director of the children's literature program at Kansas State University, presented the April 15 Great Lives lecture, *Dr. Seuss*.

Endowed by the family of the late **Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59** and presented by UMW's Department of History and American Studies during each spring semester, the Chappell Lecture Series is called *Great Lives: Biographical Approaches to History.*

The series wrapped up on April 24, with a lecture on former president Bill Clinton and his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton. The talk was presented by Sally Bedell Smith, author of the biography *For Love of Politics: Bill and Hillary Clinton.* Also featured this year was a mother-and-son pair of particular importance to UMW – Mary and George Washington were the subject of a March 13 Founders Week presentation by Peter Henriques, professor emeritus of history at George Mason University.

This year's lectures also highlighted a host of military and political figures, including Douglas MacArthur; Richard M. Nixon; Eisenhower and Marshall; Lenin, Stalin, and Hitler; and the Roosevelts – Franklin D. and Theodore. Showcased figures from the literary world were children's writer Dr. Seuss and Pulitzer Prize-winning author Margaret Mitchell, who penned *Gone With the Wind.* Featured from the music realm were influential jazz vocalist Ella Fitzgerald and British rock phenomenon The Beatles. Women's rights activists – nurse Margaret Sanger and writer Betty Friedan – were spotlighted in separate lectures during Women's History Month in March.

Other Great Lives presentations focused on architect Frank Lloyd Wright, baseball great Babe Ruth, and evangelical icon Billy Graham. And special because of their subjects' links to UMW were lectures on Mary Ball Washington, for whom the University was named, and civil rights leader James Farmer, who taught history at Mary Washington from 1985 to 1998.

Centennial-Year Graduation Something Special

Sen. John Warner's inspirational sentiments brightened rainy-day ceremony

With their pomp and circumstance and promise for the future, graduation ceremonies make nearly everyone feel special. But for more than 1,200 members of the Class of 2008, "special" took on a whole new meaning at the University of Mary Washington's 97th Commencement Ceremony on May 10.

A gentle rain fell on a crowd of about 5,000 – graduates, faculty, family members, and friends – during most of the proceedings. But even a drizzle couldn't dampen the spirit of the day and the jubilance surrounding this distinctive class of students, who received their degrees during Mary Washington's Centennial Celebration. In what was likely his last commencement address as an elected official, retiring U.S. Sen. John Warner urged graduates – the majority of whom had attended Mary Washington since it first became a university four years ago – to cherish friendships, give back to community, and do their part to protect the environment.

The sobering sound of bagpipes played by UMW's award-winning Eagle Pipe Band heralded the academic procession from Jefferson Hall, beneath the archways of the Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59 Centennial Campanile, and along Campus Walk. Led by elected representatives and distinguished professors, including Marshal of the Faculty Stephen P. Stageberg, who carried the newly redesigned University mace, the graduates made their way to their seats in Ball Circle. The procession was capped off by Acting University President Richard V. Hurley, who then spoke briefly, calling the affair a "landmark event."

During the Mother's Day weekend ceremony, proud parents and relatives laid hands upon their hearts while **Ashley Lorraine Lippolis '08** and **Christa Elizabeth Sorrentino '08** sang the National Anthem. Pride and cheer were in the air, despite the wet weather. "There's sunshine everywhere today," said one optimistic member of the crowd. Bright umbrellas sprung up sporadically, adding a rainbow of color to the proceedings.

Board of Visitors Rector J. William Poole put an upbeat spin on things, starting his speech with his own cheerful proclamation. "Look, the skies are clearing," he said. "It's a perfect day."

Poole went on to reassure the graduates with his words. "Your class is a special one," he said before urging them not to let their talents go untested.

Warner, 81, who is finishing his fifth term in the Senate, seconded that notion, reminding the grads of their unique place in the University's history.

"You are a special class," said

Photos by Robert A. Martin

UMW's award-winning Eagle Pipe Band (top left) led the academic procession at the centennial commencement in May. Acting University President Richard V. Hurley (bottom right) called the graduation ceremony a "landmark event." Proud friends and family snapped photos during the rainy-day commencement, but even the weather couldn't dampen the graduates' excitement.

Warner, who was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters by UMW during the ceremony. "You're the 100th, and I'm proud to be a part of it."

Peppering his speech with quotes from such celebrated historic figures as Winston Churchill and Thomas Jefferson, Warner focused much of his talk on current threats to the environment and prevailed upon the graduates to do their part in leading the effort to save it.

"Your generation has suddenly come into a consciousness that we neglected," said Warner, who highlighted climate change and spoke about the legislation he is sponsoring to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

He implored members of the graduating class to protect the country from threats to freedom and the American way of life, and urged them to cherish the friendships they have developed and to recognize the importance of civic responsibility and community service.

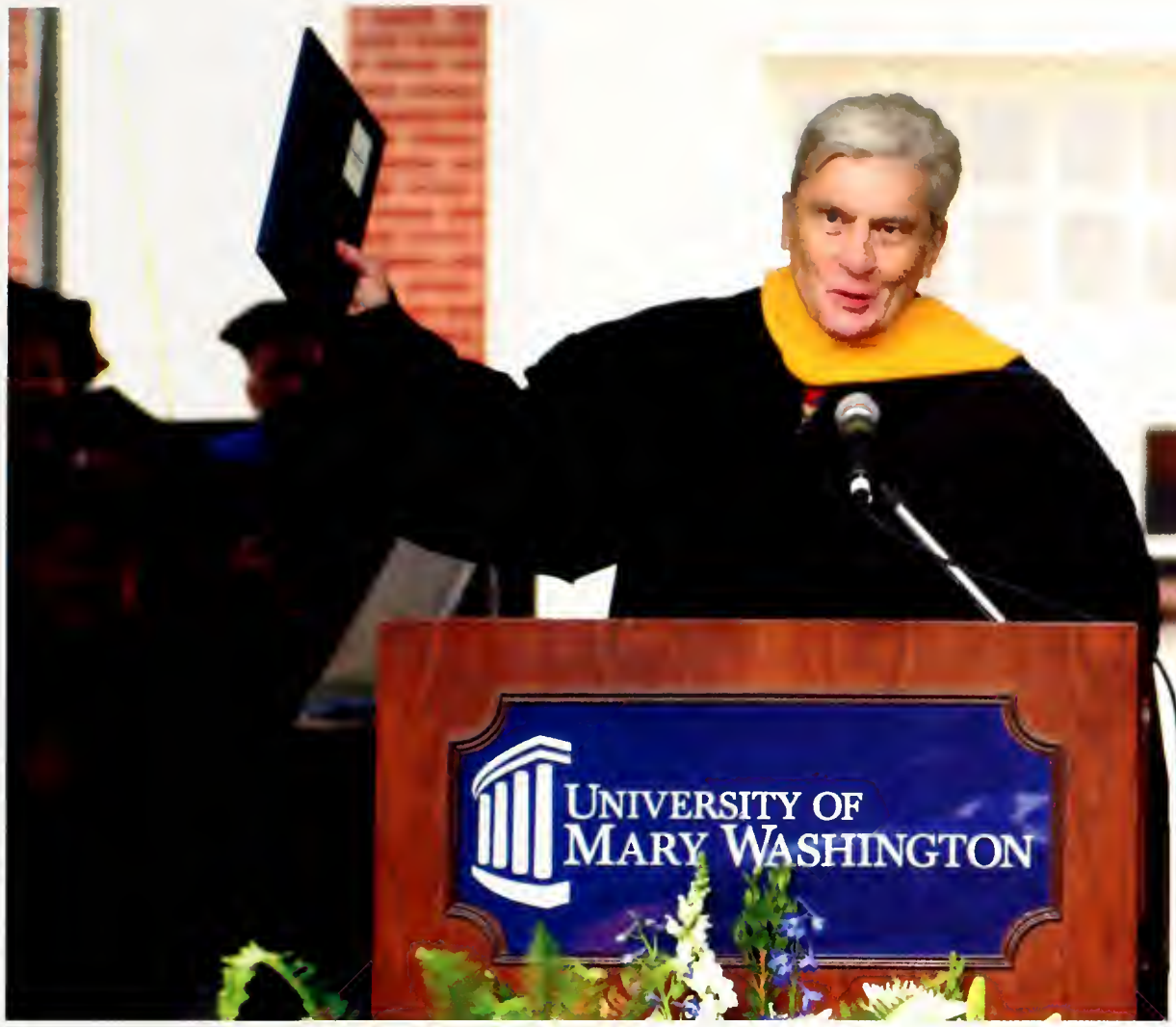
During the ceremony, several honors were awarded to faculty members and students, including Poole and Hurley, who were presented with Washington Medallions in recognition of their unrelenting commitment to the University during an immensely challenging period. **Justin C. Simeone '08**, a history and political science major who graduated with a 3.99 grade-point average, received UMW's highest student accolade, the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award.

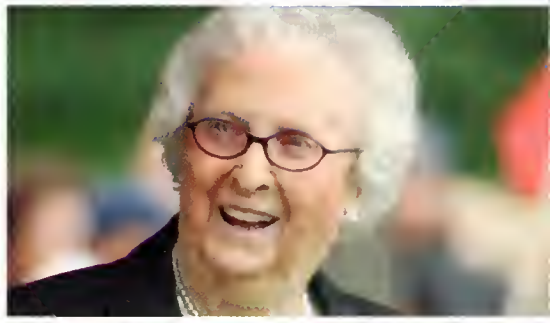
Other award recipients included Margaret Huber, distinguished professor of anthropology, who received the Grellet C. Simpson Award; Keith Mellinger, assistant professor of mathematics, who received the UMW Alumni Association Outstanding Young Faculty Member Award; W. Brown Morton III, professor of historic preservation, who won the Mary W. Pinschmidt Award; and Brenda E. Vogel, professor of education and director of education programs, who received the College of Graduate and Professional Studies Outstanding Faculty Member Award.

In addition, emeritus status went not only to Morton, but also to Professor of Chemistry Judith A. Crissman, Professor of Art Stephen L. Griffin, Professor of Psychology Thomas G. Moeller, and Associate Professor of History and American Studies Arthur L. Tracy. Emeritus status was awarded posthumously to Professor of Music Patricia P. Norwood.

By Degrees

Master of Business Administration	*62*
Master of Education	*123*
Master of Science in Elementary Education	*24*
Bachelor of Liberal Studies	*74*
Bachelor of Professional Studies	*65*
Bachelor of Arts	*446*
Bachelor of Science	*423*





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In the keynote address he delivered at UMW's 2008 graduation ceremony, U.S. Sen. John Warner (top) urged graduates to protect the environment and the country and to recognize the value of community service and enduring friendships. During the ceremony, Arabelle Laws Arrington '41 (center row, far right) was recognized for her steadfast support of her alma mater. Dean of Student Life Cedric Rucker spent the morning adjusting graduates' garb (bottom right) and tending to details before the procession began.

Visit by Former President Gets **Vote of Approval**

On Feb. 11, 2008, Hillary Rodham Clinton was double-booked, with speaking engagements scheduled in both Charlottesville and Rosslyn, Va. But the New York senator and presidential hopeful still found a way to campaign that same day at the University of Mary Washington: She sent her husband.

A Monday morning email announcing that former President William Jefferson Clinton planned to visit UMW that same afternoon sparked a flurry of excitement across campus. Hundreds of students, faculty, staff, and community members braved frigid temperatures and a lengthy line for a chance to hear Clinton speak inside Woodard Campus Center. Some classes were canceled, news crews came out to cover the event, and police officers patrolled the scene.

"Bill Clinton gets rock-star treatment at UMW," heralded a headline in the next day's issue of the Fredericksburg *Free Lance-Star*.

The last-minute campaign stop, dubbed a "Solutions for America Town Hall event," marked the first time a president has visited Mary Washington. During his speech, Clinton expressed his support for his wife as a contender for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination and her plans for reforming health care, improving education, boosting the economy, and ending the war in Iraq.

"You want somebody with the right vision," he told the crowd inside the packed Great Hall, "you want somebody with the right plans, and you want somebody with the ability to get the job done."

At the hour-long rally, which occurred on the eve of the Virginia primary, Clinton also took the opportunity to mention someone else – his old college buddy Steve Stageberg. The UMW associate professor of economics helped Clinton run for student office when both men attended Georgetown University. Clinton lauded Stageberg's athletic abilities during their school days together, calling him "the finest member of the track team."

A representative from the Clinton campaign notified UMW of the impending visit on Sunday evening, and the campus-wide email was sent at 8:34 the next morning, about four hours ahead of Clinton's scheduled appearance. The former president arrived a little later than expected, and his speech began just after 1 p.m.

Acting President Richard V. Hurley suggested that Clinton might have chosen to speak at UMW because of its location, which allowed the event to attract the attention of Richmond and Washington, D.C., news organizations – as well as throngs of excited students.

All the World's **a Stage**

In April, UMW hosted the 18th annual Multicultural Fair, the capstone of the University's Cultural Awareness Series. The fair, sponsored by Multicultural Student Affairs and the James Farmer Multicultural Center, featured music, dance, fashion, food, crafts, and children's activities that showcased 15 cultures from around the world.

At left, former President William Jefferson Clinton chats with UMW Acting President Richard V. Hurley. During a February visit, Clinton campaigned inside Woodard Campus Center for Hillary Clinton's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Honoring **Mazzotta**

Nearly 100 professors from more than 50 colleges and universities in the United States and Europe attended UMW's "Tra Amici" in March. The celebratory symposium honored the career of Giuseppe Mazzotta, author of groundbreaking books on literary figures of the Renaissance, and Sterling professor of humanities for Italian and director of graduate studies at Yale University.

Marathon photos by Karen Pearlman

Throngs of military personnel, community members, athletes, and out-of-town guests attended the marathon.

UMW Relay Team Finishes

Fredericksburg Half Marathon Début

UMW students, employees, and alumni took part in the Centennial Relay during the May début of the U.S. Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon in Fredericksburg, an event the University helped sponsor.

Thirteen fervent runners and one feathered eagle, as well as a team of water stop volunteers, represented the University of Mary Washington during the inaugural U.S. Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon in Fredericksburg. UMW helped sponsor the mid-May marathon, which featured a "Centennial Relay" that included 13 University employees, students, and alumni. Each UMW runner completed one mile of the race while wearing bib No. 100. The school's spirited eagle mascot ran the final tenth of a mile of the 13.1-mile race.

In addition to its role in sponsoring the marathon, the University staffed a water stop that stretched along Sunken Road below the campus. UMW's Dining Services provided refreshments to help draw spectators and garner support for the runners. The day before the event, Mary Washington hosted in Palmieri Circle a free public concert featuring the music of funk band Midnight Spaghetti, as well as tours of the University.

The Fredericksburg Expo and Conference Center at Celebrate Virginia served as the event's hub and was the site of the race's start and finish lines. Tim Young, a rising senior at James Madison University and former track star at James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg, finished first, beating out nearly 6,000 runners from across the nation and from six other countries. Young is the son of Karen Young, an accountant, who works in UMW's Office of Business and Finance.

The race, publicized in *Runner's World* and *TRAVELHOST* magazines, and on the Marine Corps Marathon website, provided an economic boost for the City of Fredericksburg and is slated to become an annual event.

A **Celebration** Fit for a **100-Year-Old**

How do you cap a festive year-long celebration and throw a history-making 100th birthday party for an institution?

If that institution is the University of Mary Washington, you invite the governor and other dignitaries, you schedule the country's most prominent historian as keynote speaker, you throw in the Eagle Pipe Band and a moving rendition of the *Alma Mater*, and you arrange with Mother Nature for a gorgeous spring day. Also, you select an individual to represent nearly every class in the school's history; you have select members of the Class of 2008 robe and process, you fill Dodd Auditorium to capacity with alumni, community members, and friends of UMW; and you infuse the ceremony with as much dignity and grace as can be mustered. Then, you top it all off with a lively evening ball under tents erected at the center of the Fredericksburg campus.

By all accounts, the University of Mary Washington's Founders Day on March 14, 2008, was extraordinary and exquisite.

As keynote speaker David McCullough put it: "To be here on Marye's Hill in Virginia on a beautiful day such as this to commemorate such good work over 100 years is an honor I will never forget, a pleasure beyond my expression, and my gratitude could not be greater."

McCullough, who had earlier in that week appeared with Tom Hanks at the première in Richmond of HBO's version of McCullough's *John Adams*, was introduced by Centennial Celebration Co-Chair Carter Hudgins as "America's most beloved biographer." Hudgins credited McCullough with "resuscitating narrative history."

Hudgins pointed out that McCullough continued a distinguished line of anniversary speakers at Mary Washington (all, he said, "arguably the best historians of the era") – Arnold Toynbee at the 50th and Daniel Boorstin at the 75th.

The author of such blockbusters as *1776* and *Truman*, McCullough focused his remarks on the importance of history. [See excerpts from his speech on page 88.]

One participant, UMW Board of Visitors Vice Rector **Nanalou Sauder '56**, described Founders Friday as "the best day I have ever spent at Mary

Photos by Reza A. Marvashti

UMW Board of Visitors member Benjamin W. Hernandez '95 greeted David McCullough, while Rector J. William Poole looked on (top), before McCullough spoke at the March 14 Founders Day Convocation Ceremony inside a packed Dodd Auditorium (middle). Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine (bottom) also appeared at the centennial event, praising UMW as a leader in Virginia higher education.

Washington. And, believe me, that is a lot of days since 1952."

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine commended UMW for being a leader in higher education in Virginia, and he said it all started with "a little spark 100 years ago."

The spark plug back in 1908 was Delegate O'Conor Goolrick, who pushed through the legislation that created UMW's first incarnation, the Fredericksburg State Normal and Industrial School for Women. In 2008, Goolrick's descendants filled several rows at the Convocation Ceremony, and his grandson, Fredericksburg attorney O'Conor Goolrick Ashby, presented the University with the sterling silver loving cup that had originally been given to Goolrick in 1909 by the school's first president, Edward H. Russell, at the cornerstone-laying for the first building.

When Ashby read aloud the cup's biblical inscription, "Well done, good and faithful servant," a standing ovation erupted and a number of eyes misted.

Photos by Reza A. Marvashti

Above: Catherine O'Conor Ashby (left) and Elizabeth Claiborne Ashby (right), descendants of Delegate O'Conor Goolrick, who pushed through the legislation creating the Fredericksburg State Normal and Industrial School for Women (UMW's first incarnation), cut the cake in the Trinkle Hall rotunda in celebration of the University's 100th birthday.
At right: From right to left, Marshal of the Faculty Stephen P. Stageberg, carrying UMW's newly designed mace, along with O'Conor Goolrick Ashby, former Alumni Association President Barbara Burton Micou '69, and Interim Dean Rosemary Barra, participate in the Centennial Celebration.

A-mace-ing Makeover

Since its first use during Commencement nearly 40 years ago, the purpose of the Mary Washington mace – to signify the authority of the University's president – has remained the same. The instrument's appearance, however, has changed dramatically.

Only the tip of the handle of a specially-commissioned mace, carried for the first time during the Centennial Founders Day Convocation in March, was emblematic of the original.

Reza A. Marvashti

Associate Professor of Economics Stephen Stageberg carried the newly redesigned mace for the first time at the Centennial Founders Day Convocation.

The made-over mace, designed and handcrafted by British-registered goldsmith Susannah Wagner Merritt of Ashland, Va., is laden with embellishments that are symbolic of Mary Washington. The piece includes lapis stones that represent the school color, a herringbone design that depicts the pattern of the bricks along Campus Walk, and dogwood blossoms that symbolize the state tree of Virginia. In addition, acorns and oak leaves, along with the mace's wooden handle, call to mind the stately and celebrated Brompton Oak. The six names of the school, before it became a university in 2004, are etched into the instrument's half dozen prongs, which in turn, are decorated with a lapis disc that is engraved with the University seal.

An offspring of the ancient royal scepter, a symbol of leadership and authority, and the battle mace, a weapon and staff of command, the academic mace was born in the late 14th century. The marshal of the faculty carries it on behalf of the president during specific public events at Mary Washington.

Gift of **the Muse**

A gift from **Carol Thayer Cox '68** and **Vicky Nichols Wilder '80** wrapped up the University of Mary Washington's Centennial Celebration on May 30. The women, part of the performing arts troupe MUSE, presented "Celebrating the Cycle of Life with Art, Dance, Music and Poetry" at Dodd Auditorium. The five-member group aims to promote understanding of psychological and spiritual development through the arts. Cox is an assistant professor for Pratt Institute's summer art therapy program, and Wilder is a dancer, dance therapist, and counselor who works with special needs children. Remaining troupe members are Peggy Osna Heller, Carolyn Sonnen, and Matthew Bernier.

Between the afternoon Convocation Ceremony and the evening Centennial Ball, a birthday reception took place in the rotunda of Trinkle Hall. Board of Visitors Rector J. William Poole offered a toast to UMW, and Goolrick descendents cut the cake.

A line formed along Campus Walk as McCullough made himself available to sign autographs and copies of his book. He also appeared that evening at a kick-off dinner for the University's $75-million Centennial Campaign.

The evening's festivities – like the dinner, centered under a massive tent covering Palmieri Plaza and the fountain – featured entertainment from Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra. A second venue in the Great Hall offered music by A Touch of Jazz.

On the 100th anniversary of the day Mary Washington was founded, students, alumni, and friends of the University reveled until midnight.

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UMW Acting President Richard V. Hurley makes a toast (top right) at the Centennial Ball. The elegant event included dancing and fine dining in a massive tent set up over Palmieri Plaza.

It took seven days
to celebrate 100 years

The long-awaited climactic week of the Centennial Celebration began with the opening of *One Hundred Years Together* in Jepson Alumni Executive Center. The exhibition featured works by artists from the Fredericksburg region that reflected the culture of the area. Another show, the *Centennial Alumni Exhibition*, opened a few days later in Ridderhof Martin Gallery. A juried competition, it displayed the artistic accomplishments of Mary Washington graduates.

A signal moment in the institution's history and a highlight of the Centennial Celebration occurred on Monday of Founders Week. No one had – or could have – planned it, but the serendipitous announcement came of Judy G. Hample as UMW's eighth and first female president.

Each succeeding day of Founders Week offered a special event. On Tuesday, the 12th annual Fredericksburg Forum featured acclaimed *Washington Post* journalist Bob Woodward; on Wednesday, Phi Beta Kappa visiting scholar and Harvard University physics professor Eric Mazur presented a lecture, "How the Mind Tricks Us"; and Thursday brought the Great Lives lecture series, now in its fifth season, and George Mason University professor emeritus Peter Henriques, who spoke on "Mary Washington and Her Son George."

Founders Week closed Saturday evening with a special centennial concert, *Heroes Past and Present*, by the University-Community Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Kevin Bartram. The program opened with a new take on a favorite tune – *The Alma Mater* – written long ago by alumnae **Jean Crotty '47** and **Irene Taylor '47**, and arranged for its premier orchestral performance by **Jeffrey Zeiders '08** and **Jeremy Vaughn '08**.

Another first followed in the performance of *LXXV+XXV: A Celebratory Overture for Orchestra*, guest conducted and composed for the occasion by UMW music professor David Long. A sentimental moment came with the appearance of Distinguished Professor Emeritus James Baker, the orchestra's founder and longtime maestro, who returned to conduct two pieces.

The centerpiece of the program was the première of *Quest, Symphony of Celebration*. Internationally renowned composer James Grant was commissioned to craft the symphony especially for UMW's centennial; he traveled from his home in Canada for the performance. The historical piece was punctuated by the words of presidents Combs and Anderson, sensitively interpreted by English professor Gardner Campbell. Historic recordings were interspersed, too, in the symphony, of the voices of presidents Woodard and Anderson as they addressed the academic community, and of music by the Mary Washington Marching Band and the Mary Washington Chorus of the 1940s and '50s.

Robert A. Martin

Karen Pearlman

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Top to bottom: Artist W.E. Richardson posed with his painting "Rappahannock White Water," which took first place in the UMW-community art show *One Hundred Years Together*. *Free Lance-Star* editor Ed Jones moderated the discussion with journalist Bob Woodward of *The Washington Post* at the Fredericksburg Forum. Composer James Grant crafted *Quest, Symphony of Celebration* especially for UMW. Music professor David Long composed and guest conducted *LXXV+XXV: A Celebratory Overture for Orchestra*. Artists Heidi Lewis '86, Margaret Embree '86, and Thomas Little '86 pose in front of "Reggie." The painting, created by Embree, won first place in the Centennial Alumni Exhibition; Little's painting "Five Fifty Two – Central Islip" took second place.

Washington Scholars Have Their Acts Together

As high school theater enthusiasts, Lisa M. Carter of Ruther Glen, Va., and Peter G. Hawes of Chantilly, Va., were used to having a little drama in their lives, but recent awards brought these young thespians even more excitement. As this year's Washington Scholarship recipients, the two rising college freshmen have been awarded a free four-year education at the University of Mary Washington.

Hawes performed in five mainstage productions, as well as in local community theater, during his years at Westfield, Virginia's largest high school. He is interested in studying environmental science.

The first of the Washington Scholarships, which go to Virginia residents accepted to the University as full-time honor students, was awarded during the 2000-01 academic year.

Rising college freshmen Lisa M. Carter and Peter G. Hawes received this year's Washington Scholarships. The awards provide students with a free four-year education at UMW.

The 2008 valedictorian of Caroline County High School, Carter was named the William M. Anderson Jr. Washington Scholar. Hawes, also a standout in the classroom at his school, Westfield High School, received the Mary Janes Ahern '46 Washington Scholarship.

The awards, which cover the cost of in-state tuition, fees, and room and board, are granted to candidates who have exceptional academic records, as well as exemplary extracurricular and community involvement.

In addition to directing theatrical productions while in high school, Carter participated in the regional Governor's School program and earned college credit through Rappahannock Community College. Her academic interests include theater, music, and education.

Scholars are selected by the Vice President for Enrollment with the recommendations of a committee, which interviews the finalists. The awards are renewable for up to four academic years of on-campus study, as long as recipients maintain a specified grade-point average.

The UMW Alumni Association contributes regularly to the program, helping to ensure the survival of Washington Scholarships, which account for eight of the school's 200-or-so endowed scholarships.

For more information about Washington Scholarships, call the Office of Admissions at 540/654-2000. For details on contributing to the creation of a new Washington Scholarship, contact the Office of University Advancement at 540/654-1024.

Melody Makers

Fans of The Kingston Trio were treated to an array of melodies during an April concert at the University of Mary Washington. Hosted by the UMW-Community Symphony Orchestra, the famous folk music band performed inside a packed Dodd Auditorium as part of the William M. Anderson Jr. Celebrity Series. The group, popular throughout the late 1950s and '60s, claims numerous Top 40 hits, including *Where Have All the Flowers Gone?, Tom Dooley,* and *The Tijuana Jail.*

Real Estate Purchases Expand UMW's Offerings

As the University of Mary Washington embarks upon its second century, it isn't just getting older, it's getting larger. Some of UMW's recent acquisitions in the city of Fredericksburg and in Stafford and King George counties will result in, among other things, increased student housing and additional parking for athletic events. Here are some details on the University's current real estate projects:

Dahlgren Education and Research Institute

Last spring, UMW received $2 million from the Virginia General Assembly to purchase land on U.S. Route 301 near the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren in King George County. This past April, legislators approved a bond package that includes $18.4 million toward the construction of a third UMW campus on that site. The first building, which will be about 40,000 square feet, is expected to be completed by summer of 2011. In conjunction with other universities, offerings on the Dahlgren campus will include courses in engineering, computer science, homeland security, and other related fields. Participating schools include George Mason, Old Dominion, and Virginia Commonwealth universities; Virginia Tech; the University of Virginia; and Rappahannock and Germanna community colleges.

Eagle Village

The University of Mary Washington Real Estate Foundation has hired Thalhimer/Cushman & Wakefield to handle leasing and property management at the 21-acre Park & Shop site it purchased late last year for $18.75 million. The property, now a shopping center anchored by Giant Food, is located across U.S. Route 1 from the Fredericksburg campus and increases the campus' size by a third. The Foundation expects to spend at least $60 million more to build a pedestrian-friendly mixed-use "village" that will include housing for students, staff, and faculty; improved retail offerings; office space; a performing arts center; and a movie theater. Plans also include a walkway over U.S. 1 to connect the village to the existing campus. The first phase of work, construction of student housing, is slated to begin next year. For more information, visit www.umw.edu/village.

Also, the UMW Real Estate Foundation has practical reasons for making two additional purchases. By acquiring a stone house, located at the intersection of William and Hanover streets, the University would be able to provide access to a UMW-owned field, which would be turned into parking spaces for athletic events. In the vicinity of Gari Melchers Home and Studio in Stafford, the University plans to buy two acres in order to protect the land from development.

Karen Pearlman

Christopher Wehling, *The Free Lance-Star*

Among UMW's current real estate endeavors is the purchase of the stone house at the corner of William and Hanover streets (top) to allow access to a UMW-owned field that would be turned into a parking area. Also in the works is Eagle Village, a mixed-use project to be built in the newly acquired Park & Shop retail center across U.S. 1 from the University's Fredericksburg campus.

Pair Bounces into Limelight as **UMW Scholar-Athletes of the Year**

Clint Often

Liz Hickey (left) and Justin Baker (right) were named the 2007-08 UMW female and male Scholar-Athletes of the Year. Baker, a graduate business student, is the first athlete to earn the title twice. Hickey, a math major, claimed the fifth most career points in UMW history.

Liz Hickey '08 and graduate student **Justin Baker '07** have been named the 2007-08 UMW female and male Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Hickey, a three-time All-American for the women's basketball program, now a national powerhouse, ended her career as the NCAA Division III all-time leader in career blocked shots, with 509. A consensus first team All-American, she scored 1,370 career points, the fifth most in school history. Hickey's other accolades include being named the Atlantic Region Player of the Year, landing a first team all-region selection, and becoming only the third player in conference history to twice take the title of Capital Athletic Conference Player of the Year. She also was a finalist for the Jostens Trophy, which is given to the NCAA Division III National Player of the Year.

Hickey, a mathematics major, is a member of the Alpha Phi Sigma honor society and the UMW chapter of the National Collegiate Honor Society. Born with pectus excavatum, a condition that caused her rib cage to constrict her internal organs, Hickey played three years at UMW with a steel bar in her chest to alleviate the pressure. The bar was removed prior to last season, and Hickey led the Eagles to their third straight NCAA Sweet 16 appearance. She finished at UMW with a career record of 114 wins and 15 losses.

Baker is the first athlete ever to take the title of Scholar-Athlete of the Year twice. A UMW graduate student working toward a master's degree in business administration, he finished his brilliant four-year career as one of the greatest players in school history, ranking among the top five in program history in points, assists, and rebounds. A two-time all-region selection and a finalist for the Jostens Trophy, Baker earned all-conference honors three times in his career.

A member of the Alpha Phi Sigma and Sigma Beta Delta honor societies, Baker is the recipient of the Ukrop's/First Merchants Bank Scholarship and graduated *magna cum laude* in 2007.

UMW Riding Team Finishes Seventh at National Show

The University of Mary Washington riding team finished seventh in the nation in the Collegiate Cup at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in early May. **Jessica Van Brocklin '08** finished third and fourth in her team classes – open fences and open flat, respectively. **Hannah Woll '10** earned a sixth-place finish for the team in novice flat. Other team competitors included **Brittany Hill '11**, **Tiffany Batterton '09**, **Sarah Leavitt '10**, **Shannon Brown '11**, and **Catarina Brokaw '10.** Van Brocklin was also national champion in individual open flat, and Lauren Campbell placed third in the nation in the same class. The Eagles advanced to the national show for the first time since 1994.

Clint Often

Jessica Van Brocklin '08 led UMW's riding team to seventh place in the Collegiate Cup.

De la Garza Laps up All-America Distinction

Lorena de la Garza '08 achieved All-America status in each of the four years of her collegiate career, only the fourth athlete in UMW history to do so. The senior women's swimmer won the honor in March at the NCAA Division III National Championships.

De la Garza finished in 11th place in the 200-yard butterfly with a time of 2:07.46 in the competition at Miami University in Ohio. The biology major is the owner of both the school and the Capital Athletic Conference records in that event. She joins **Lea Schon '01**, women's tennis; **Mariah Butler '00**, women's swimming; and **Kelley Tice '07**, rowing, as the only four-year All-Americans in school history.

Clint Often

Success came early and often at UMW for the Blacksburg resident; she finished as an All-American six times in both relay competitions and individual butterfly events. Standing just 5-feet-3-inches tall, de la Garza isn't the size of a typical swimmer, but her will to succeed and ability to compete contribute to her considerable success.

Erickson Nets NCAA Record

Caitlin Erickson '08 enjoyed the greatest season in UMW women's lacrosse history this year. The attacker from Cypress, Texas, broke school records for career points, 303; career assists, 126; season points, 143; and season assists, 81, keeping the Eagles nationally ranked all season.

Erickson shattered the NCAA Division III record for most points per game in a season (7.94), and led the nation in assists per game (4.53). She recorded the highest single game point total in the nation this season, scoring 14 points in Mary Washington's 18-16 win over Christopher Newport University in April. Erickson also held the top four highest assist totals per game in the nation, scoring 10 assists against Hood College on March 20, and nine each against Catholic University, St. Mary's College, and CNU.

A business major, Erickson played extensively as a freshman for the Eagles at the midfield position, where she scored 14 goals and added five assists in 14 games. During her sophomore season, she doubled her output, netting 30 goals and adding 13 assists. Her breakout season came a year ago, when she helped lead UMW to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight by compiling 98 points, the second most in school history, on 71 goals and 27 assists.

Clint Often

This year, she was a force offensively, both in scoring and in passing assists, yielding at least 10 points – the school record until this season for points scored in a game – in seven of the Eagles' 18 games.

HAMPLE AT THE HELM

Eighth President is Seasoned Administrator

By Lisa Chinn

For nearly seven years, Judy Hample worked in an office building along the Susquehanna River in Harrisburg, Pa., where she was responsible for guiding the operations of 14 public universities that enroll more than 100,000 students.

She regularly met with her staff, as well as with legislators, union heads, university presidents, and members of the university system's Board of Governors. It was important work, which she loved.

But something was missing. Despite the daily challenges of the position, Hample longed for regular interaction with what she considers the two most important groups in higher education: students and faculty.

As the eighth president of the University of Mary Washington, she has found the missing link.

Hample had eyed UMW for years, she said, admiring its rich history, liberal arts curriculum, graduate and professional studies campus, commitment to community, and strong academic reputation. When the presidency opened more than a year ago, she said, "The timing just clicked."

She had announced in June 2007 that she planned to leave her position as chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) within a year to pursue something different. She pictured herself taking on a new challenge, perhaps working as a consultant or becoming president of a regional association, or maybe returning to a college campus.

UMW President Judy G. Hample

UMW was the perfect fit.

Hample has built a distinguished career awash with firsts, not the least of which she earned this month when she began her tenure as Mary Washington's premier woman president. While students, faculty, staff, and alumni continue to celebrate the institution's first 100 years, all also are eager to focus on the future. And as the school embarks on a new century, Hample, too, begins again – in a phase of her career that is fresh, but one that also will bring her full-circle, back to the close-knit feel of a college campus.

In her first words to the UMW community, she said: "As I stand here on the stage knowing that I have been named the next president of the only public university in America named for a woman, and not just any woman – Mary Washington – I have to tell you that it's incredibly exciting."

During her introduction at the school's Fredericksburg campus in early March, she added, "I celebrate today, not only being a leader, but being a woman who has been chosen to lead a first-rate institution into a promising future."

She made the move official this month, relocating to the president's house at Brompton and transitioning to her new and very different role. About 20 times fewer students will be affected by her decisions now. Instead of 12,000 staff members, she is supervising fewer than 1,000, and in place of a $1.8 billion budget, she manages $91 million.

For Hample, though, at this point in her career, smaller is better. "The quality of an educational experience is more important than size of the institution or organization," she said. "As a campus president, more than a system head, it is easier to influence directly the quality of students' educations."

According to Board of Visitors Rector J. William Poole, "She's worked hard to get where she is, and she's one of the top administrators in the country." Poole, who led UMW's 15-member presidential search committee, said, "What made her stand out was her administrative experience. All of the presidents of the state universities in Pennsylvania report to her, so she has a real understanding of what a president has to do. She's familiar with budgets and the process of dealing with state government and lobbying the legislators for funding – all of which is very similar to what she will do here."

The search committee, which was assisted by the consulting firm Greenwood/Asher and Associates, comprised faculty from both the Stafford and Fredericksburg campuses, administrative staff, and members of the foundation board, alumni association, and student government. The committee spent six months scrutinizing the qualifications and references of a final pool of 55 candidates, most of whom were university presidents, vice presidents, or deans. It was a painstaking and challenging process.

Hample's plans for UMW include increasing diversity both in the student body and among the faculty and staff. As vacated positions are filled, she said, she will work to ensure the diversity of each pool of applicants. She hopes to see inclusion embraced within the curriculum and living-learning environment of the campus.

She aims to enhance students' academic experiences and graduate opportunities. She will continue to recognize Mary Washington's bounty of outstanding alumni and will do all she can to make certain they remain "exceedingly proud" of their alma mater. She will address the issues of faculty compensation, program accreditation, and the state of residence halls. And she will ensure the concept of "transparency," making sure that everyone is on the same page and that there are no hidden agendas.

Hample plans to expand UMW, but only in terms of its already outstanding academics, not its student enrollment. "One of the things I love about this institution is its size," she said.

She said she intends to take advantage of the school's picturesque campus environment, working closely with faculty and getting to know students by name. And she's set on strengthening Mary Washington's reputation as an important player in Virginia higher education, making sure the school continues to be seen as a contributor to the region and to the commonwealth's economy.

"I don't just talk about an idea or an issue," she said. "I get behind it and I never let up."

Judy – not Judith ("Southerners tend to name you what they're going to call you") – Gayle Hample was born in 1947 in Henderson, Tenn. The middle child, sandwiched between an older brother and a younger sister, she grew up on a large farm that produced cotton, corn, and soybeans.

From the beginning, Hample had a penchant for hard work. In her early adulthood, she earned a paycheck opening boxes and stocking shelves at a bookstore, and she even worked for a while as a hostess at that Nashville institution, the Grand Ole Opry.

Her fervor paid a different kind of dividend as an undergraduate student at David Lipscomb University, a small,

Photos by Karen Pearlman

During her March introduction to the school, newly named University of Mary Washington President Judy Hample addressed a crowd inside Dodd Auditorium (top). Afterward, at a reception at Woodard Campus Center, she spoke with UMW faculty, staff, and administrators, including Acting President Richard V. Hurley (middle), and greeted students (bottom).

private, liberal arts school in Nashville, where she chose to major in not one but three subjects – French, communication, and secondary education. She topped it off with a minor in chemistry and, along the way, developed a deep appreciation for the breadth and depth of the liberal arts.

She went on to receive both master's and doctoral degrees in communication from Ohio State University, earning her Ph.D. in 1974.

Throughout her college and graduate school years, Hample dabbled in theater, played racquetball, and gained a passion for football, which she developed while growing up watching the Dallas Cowboys on television with her father and brother. But one activity stood out above the rest – intercollegiate debate.

Being on the university debate team taught her to think about things from every possible angle, to question every word and every number, to scrutinize and re-scrutinize, and to anticipate reactions and be prepared for myriad scenarios.

The debate skills she learned as both a team member and coach have served her well throughout her varied career, and the many stops along the way, including faculty and administrative positions at the University of Illinois, Western Illinois University, Emporia State University in Kansas, Indiana State University, and the University of Toledo in Ohio.

Her career path changed dramatically in 1998, when she left the campus environment upon being named vice chancellor for planning, budgeting, and policy analysis for the Board of Regents of the State University System of Florida, which at the time consisted of 10 public universities enrolling 247,000 students. She moved into a more corporate academic environment and away from the campus life she had come to cherish. But Hample simply readjusted her goals.

"I got into it," she said, "and I loved it."

A year later she was elevated to the position of executive vice chancellor in the Florida system, and, in 2001, she was named its chancellor. Then came the opportunity to lead the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education.

After being hired in August 2001 as only the second chancellor in PASSHE's nearly 20 years of existence, Hample immediately set out to take the state system and its 14 universities to the next level of academic excellence. PASSHE comprises a group of institutions with a rich history, some dating back more than 150 years. Combined, they share more than 400,000 living alumni. As chancellor, Hample routinely dealt with many constituencies, but always at the top of her list were the students – all 110,000 of them.

"Students are at the heart of everything I do," she said.

As head of PASSHE, Hample led efforts to increase

both the quality and availability of student housing, to boost minority enrollment, and to keep tuition affordable, with annual increases frequently below the rate of inflation. She also pushed for the establishment of new graduation requirements to help ensure students could earn their degrees in four years.

In addition, she encouraged the development of a common academic calendar that made it easier for students to enroll in courses at other PASSHE universities, taking advantage of the broad depth of faculty expertise across the system. She insisted on increased funding for faculty development; and during her tenure, the value of federal grants received by PASSHE universities more than tripled, at a time when state appropriations for higher education dwindled nationwide.

"It's astounding to me what she's been able to accomplish, given the fact that she's had very few resources to put to it," said Ira Blake, PASSHE's assistant vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

In spite of her success, Hample's decisions haven't always been popular, particularly among the eight labor unions with which she regularly engaged in contract negotiations.

"Sometimes the comments are very personal, and it's difficult to take," said Tom Krapsho, PASSHE's vice chancellor for human resources and labor relations. "It's a difficult part of the chancellor's job, but she's got to do it, and she's very good at it."

Her expertise in this area, colleagues say, is due in part to her unflappable nature and her practice of making decisions based purely on principle, not special agendas.

"Judy doesn't play politics," said Jeff Cooper, PASSHE's chief legal counsel. "I've never known her to do something that she didn't think was the right thing to do."

Take, for example, the method behind the madness of one of Hample's proudest accomplishments: accountability and performance funding, a blueprint for allocating resources based on an institution's success in areas such as student achievement, resource development, and university excellence.

"We developed a set of principles first, and then we ran the numbers," said PASSHE Executive Vice Chancellor

Judy Hample announced in June 2007 her plans to leave her post as chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, with its 14 universities and 110,000 students. As the new president of the much smaller University of Mary Washington, Hample relishes the opportunity to become reacquainted with campus life and connect more intimately with students, faculty, and staff.

Peter Garland. "Some of the people who fought hardest for the principles gulped hard when they saw how the changes would affect their universities."

Turning ideas like these into reality takes time, and plenty of it. Hample estimates she works about 15 hours a day, six days a week, as well as five to seven hours on Sundays. In addition to answering hundreds of emails each day – she's best known for the ones she sends at 2 a.m. – making phone calls, and signing documents, she also spends time conducting meetings, resolving conflicts, and working on special projects. The primary responsibility of the chancellor, however, has been to lead the organization through policy development and implementation.

After all of that, "she still has the energy for fundraising and to go out in the evening with advancement people," said Jim Dillon, PASSHE's vice chancellor for administration and finance.

Hample, 60, doesn't care to be classified as a "workaholic"; but, she admits, "I am sort of dedicated to my work." She added, "I'm divorced with no children. I work hard because I want to, not because I have to."

As dedicated as she is to her job, higher education isn't the only thing she gets excited about. Staff members in Pennsylvania say she has an incredible sense of humor that sometimes spilled over into the boardroom. And she splashed her personality across her office like a palette full of watercolors: Tiffany-style lamps; abstract art; sculpture and mementos from her travels; a prized football from Super Bowl XXX, signed by all of the Dallas Cowboys; a photo of Mick Jagger taken by Hample herself at a concert she attended.

When she isn't hard at work behind her desk inside George Washington Hall, hosting guests at historic Brompton, or shaking hands with alumni and community members, Hample likely will be found breathing in the campus air and all that comes with it – talking to students, getting to know faculty members, cheering on the Eagles.

At a time in her life when she could be slowing down professionally – even considering the comforts of retirement – she's invigorated by her new job.

"As I contemplate what will be the last phase of my career," she said, "my true and first love has always been a campus environment, and the love of students and learning."

JUDY HAMPLE'S TOP TEN

Favorite book:
anything by John Steinbeck or Alexander Pope

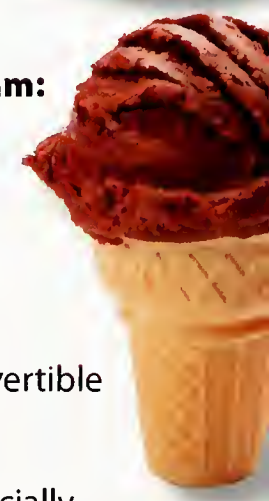
Favorite playwright:
Eugene O'Neill

Favorite music:
rock 'n' roll – The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, Elvis (she also likes jazz and opera)

Favorite movie:
The Caine Mutiny with Humphrey Bogart

Favorite season of the year:
fall, because of the changing leaves and the beginning of football season

Favorite football team:
Dallas Cowboys



Favorite flavor of ice cream:
chocolate

Favorite type of cuisine:
French or Thai

Favorite leisure activity:
reading, or driving in a convertible

Favorite type of art:
abstract expressionist, especially works by Jackson Pollock and Willem de Kooning

Three UMW alums talk about their political professions

By Edie Gross

PRIMARY OCCUPATIONS

The ongoing race for the next president of the United States has been invigorating, engrossing, and groundbreaking. Is it any wonder, then, that Mary Washington alumni, intent on changing the world, have thrown themselves into the thick of things? Whether they've spent the last several months mapping out touring routes, prevailing upon voters, or bridging the gaps between political leaders, UMW grads have shown their patriotic colors this campaign season. Three of them – one a theater major, another a sociology major, and the third a historic preservation major – explain what drew them into the intriguing world of politics. They describe why they were compelled to support this race's main contenders: Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, and John McCain.

Obama: Theater Major's Political Career Not Just a Dress Rehearsal

Liz Reiter '98 was managing stage productions in the nation's capital when she traded traditional theater for the political kind.

"I was always engaged in politics," said Reiter, who earned a theater degree at UMW before working behind the scenes on everything from Shakespearean plays to dance productions. "My friends always thought I was weird. On Sunday morning, they'd say, 'Let's go to brunch,' and I'd say, 'I can't. I'm watching "Meet the Press."' This was before TiVo."

Though always interested in politics, Reiter said it never occurred to her she could work on a presidential campaign until a friend of hers joined one in 2003.

"I thought, 'Real people work on campaigns?' I thought you had to be a politician," said Reiter, who promptly quit her job and became a full-time volunteer for presidential hopeful John Kerry.

She stuffed envelopes, answered phones, and collected news clippings before eventually working her way up to a spot on Kerry's advance team, where her stage-managing experience helped her organize campaign events.

These days, she uses those same skills as deputy director of advance for Democratic presidential nominee Barack

Obama. The campaign is based in Chicago, where Reiter, 31, has an apartment. But her work has taken her all over the country since she joined Obama's effort about a year and a half ago.

"I miss home-cooked meals and hanging my clothes in a closet instead of a suitcase, but I can't possibly imagine choosing to do anything else at this moment," Reiter said recently from Lafayette, Ind. "I'm in the trenches every day with some of the most amazing people I've ever met. I know we are going to change the world."

Reiter said she gained a lot of that confidence at UMW, where her professors encouraged her to think beyond the classroom.

"I was instilled with not just knowledge, but the responsibility to know that I could impact my world," she said.

Kerry's loss in 2004 was difficult to take, she said, and she briefly moved to New York to work on a reality TV show. But friends lured her back into politics. She directed scheduling for Tim Kaine's campaign for Virginia governor and then became director of scheduling and advance for Jim Webb's U.S. Senate race before joining Obama's team in January of last year.

He officially announced his intentions to run for president a month later.

"When I first started, it was a pretty small operation," Reiter said. "I jumped in with both feet and helped put together the announcement tour."

Occasionally, she said, she fantasizes about a 9-to-5 job but figures she'd be bored in short order. Instead, she prefers the thrill of the campaign.

"The tone that's been set on this campaign is such that I'm proud to be a part of it, not just because of who I'm working for, but for the way the campaign is done," she said. "There is nothing in the world I'd rather be doing right now."

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Liz Reiter '98, theater major, deputy director of advance for Barack Obama

As deputy director of advance for the presidential campaign of Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, Liz Reiter '98 (kneeling in front of the cameras) manages the press on a campaign-trail stop at Jack's of New London restaurant in New Hampshire in early January.

Clinton: Cross Country Runner Enters a Different Kind of Race

Graeme Joeck '05 always wanted to work on a presidential campaign, so when months of pestering Hillary Clinton's team paid off with a job offer last summer, he was ecstatic.

Little did he know how quickly he would encounter nationally televised drama. He was one of a handful of staffers taken hostage in Clinton's Rochester, N.H., campaign office. Even after that harrowing experience, Joeck said, he never considered walking away from the position he'd worked so hard to get.

"It never really entered my mind," said Joeck, who still considers the November event one of the scariest of his life. "I'm so lucky to be in this campaign that I'm so invested in that I have the ability to shake it off."

The ordeal occurred after a man walked into the campaign office with what he claimed was a bomb strapped to his chest and asked to meet with Clinton about access to mental health care. The man was arrested several hours later, and no one was hurt.

"It's definitely the type of experience you never imagine could happen to you or anyone else you know," said Joeck, 25.

"I'm still so thankful I have a sociology background. At Mary Wash, the program was so demanding. . . . I feel [it] has given me a unique perspective about how to approach politics and government."
Graeme Joeck '05, sociology major, former regional field director for the Hillary Clinton campaign

Graeme Joeck '05 says the courses he took as a sociology major at UMW helped prepare him for the pressures of a career in politics. After landing a job as a field director with New York Sen. Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign, he was promoted to regional field director for the Pennsylvania Democratic primary.

He said he'd always been impressed with Hillary Clinton as a candidate. But he was also moved by her humanity during that situation, when she attended to his parents and later, when she met with him.

"As an individual, she's extraordinarily caring and sensitive and so capable," he said. "We all realized we needed to get back to what gets us up in the morning, and it's fighting on this campaign and this movement."

The Clinton campaign wasn't Joeck's first, but it certainly was his biggest. While a student at UMW, he worked on Chuck Feldbush's unsuccessful race against Mark Cole for state delegate as well as Tim Kaine's victorious effort to become Virginia governor.

The University's proximity to Washington gave Joeck a front-row seat in the political arena, which was part of the reason – along with the school's cross-country team – that the California athlete chose to attend Mary Washington. Joeck, who graduated from UMW with a bachelor's degree in sociology, plans to earn a master's degree in political science.

"I'm still so thankful I have a sociology background," he said. "At Mary Wash, the program was so demanding. The educational framework and the mindset I got, I feel has given me a unique perspective about how to approach politics and government."

After graduating, Joeck managed the VA Runner store in Fredericksburg's Central Park before moving to Thailand to work for a nonprofit group that organized exchange programs for volunteers. A long-time Clinton fan, he sent his résumé to her campaign staff and urged them to give him a job.

"I was really persistent and got lucky, and an offer came my way," he said. He started off as a field organizer, reaching out to voters in New Hampshire, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas before being promoted to regional field director for the Pennsylvania Democratic primary, which Clinton won.

Joeck describes his time on the campaign trail as "extraordinarily positive."

"I think it's surpassed my expectations," he said. "It's the most exciting type of work. It feels so purposeful. I care so much about the state of this country. I feel like this is my opportunity to be working toward getting this country on the right track."

McCain: Political Director Becomes 'A Bit of History'

Davis Rennolds' father was an administrator at the College of William & Mary, and when Davis tagged along on lobbying trips to Richmond, he was often known as "Richard's son" in the halls of the Virginia General Assembly building.

These days, Rennolds, 26 and a 2005 Mary Washington

graduate, commands a bit more attention in the state Capitol. As evidence, his father is often referred to as "Davis' dad."

After participating in five successful campaigns for Republican candidates, Rennolds became the state party's Central Virginia political director earlier this year.

Across a swathe of the state stretching from the Chesapeake Bay to Kentucky, he serves as a liaison between the Virginia Republican Party's leadership in Richmond and those working on the GOP's behalf at the local level.

"It's a lot of driving," said Rennolds, who also spends a good deal of time on the phone. "Our goal is to make sure the grassroots people – the people who do the hard work – are energized and know we're here and are basically kept in the loop."

Though he'd participated in Mary Washington's College Republican Club, Rennolds said he never expected to pursue a career in politics. But then-Sen. Bill Bolling, a family friend, offered him a job as a field staffer on his 2005 campaign for lieutenant governor. Rennolds saw Bolling win the Republican primary before moving on to Ryan McDougle's successful effort to capture a seat in the Virginia state Senate.

Then Rennolds received a call from Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis' re-election team, which hired him as a political director.

"I always compare it to baseball," he said. "I felt like I was working my way through the minors and I got called to the big leagues."

Davis died of breast cancer in 2007, and Rennolds helped her successor, U.S. Rep. Rob Wittman, transition into the office. Along the way, he also served as political director for Richard Stuart's successful race for the 28th District state senate seat and lobbied on behalf of Americans for Prosperity against pork barrel spending.

Rennolds said he's enjoyed the experience, but not everyone appreciates his political expertise.

"I go to bars. I'm on airplanes, I'm on trains, and somebody says, 'What do you do?' I say, 'I work in politics.' That usually turns into me getting yelled at for an hour," he said. "I joke I'm going to start saying I'm a taxidermist so I don't get the questions."

This year, Rennolds is focused on garnering support for presumptive Republican presidential nominee John McCain as well as Republican candidates for U.S. House and Senate seats.

"Every time I worked for an election, you'd hear a candidate say 50 times, 'This is the most important election.' But this really is the most important election," Rennolds said. "I'm really glad I'm going to be a part of it."

His strength, he said, is talking to people and finding common ground, a skill he honed on UMW's small campus with both fellow students and faculty. As it turns out, he said, his studies in historic preservation helped him tremendously in his career.

"I think there are a lot of similarities between preservation and politics. We were always taught to preserve what's here from the past for the future. I think this is the greatest country on earth. I will help find people who believe what I believe to keep that going," he said. "In some small way, I feel I'm a bit of history."

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Davis Rennolds '05, historic preservation major, Central Virginia political director for the Republican Party

As Central Virginia political director for the Republican Party, historic preservation major Davis Rennolds '05 (middle) bridges the gap between the party's Virginia leadership in Richmond and its constituents who work on the local level. In this photo, Rennolds is flanked by Virginia state Delegate Chris Saxman (left) and Sen. Ryan McDougle (right) after the three spoke on a panel.

An archivist at the Holocaust Memorial Museum, Rebecca Erbelding '03 lectures about the album she discovered, which displays photos of Nazi officers at play. One of those images is projected behind her.

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DISTURBING DISCOVERY

Alumna brings to light a photo album that alters views on the Holocaust

By Anna Barron Billingsley

During periods of her childhood, **Rebecca Erbelding '03** kept a diary. In it, she recorded her thoughts and impressions, and she saved cherished mementoes, such as her admission ticket to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum – a place she visited with her Girl Scout troop when she was 12 years old.

During at least one period of his career, Karl Hoecker kept a photo album. In it, he included photographs and brief descriptions, documenting his promotion to adjutant at the Auschwitz concentration camp and activities of

Photos courtesy of United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

The photo album kept by Karl Hoecker (far left in deck chairs, lighting the tree, and standing amid women eating blueberries) contains the only known images of off-duty Nazis enjoying themselves at Auschwitz. The image above is from the album and shows (left to right) Dr. Josef Mengele, Rudolf Höss, Josef Kramer, and an unidentified officer.

Nazi officers during World War II. Both the diary and the album were tossed aside. Neither Erbelding nor Hoecker could have envisioned how significant these chronicles later would become. Nor could anyone have predicted how the lives of these two people – from different eras and backgrounds – would intersect.

One of Erbelding's journals heralded her eventual full-time work at the Holocaust Museum. As an archivist, the 26-year-old history major now deals daily with diaries, memoirs, photographs, and other pieces of people's lives. She decides which ones have a place in the museum's collections.

Nothing that has crossed her desk, located in a cubicle within the bowels of the Washington, D.C., museum, has affected her as deeply as the photo album kept by Karl Hoecker. Not only has the album, sent to the museum 18 months ago, transformed Erbelding's job and profile, it has garnered national attention and altered views of the role of Nazi officers in the Holocaust.

"The album shows mass murderers at play," Erbelding said. "It's so jarring, it's hard to reconcile."

Containing the only known photos of off-duty Nazis at Auschwitz, the album shows SS officers relaxing and enjoying themselves. The effect is chilling.

The 116 photographs depict Hoecker and other SS officers during a critical time at Auschwitz – the summer and fall of 1944 when Hungarian Jews were arriving by the thousands and the gas chambers were operating at maximum capacity.

"We didn't think anything like this existed," Erbelding said. "It's causing us to rethink the way we have presented the perpetrators of the Holocaust."

The album also is causing Erbelding some restless nights. The initial recipient and chief shepherd of the photographs, she probably has spent more time with them than any other individual. She keeps a copy of the album on her desk and another copy at home. She has analyzed the photographs, researched archives of that time period, studied events that were taking place simultaneously, and followed up on possible leads.

Erbelding now emerges from her cubicle regularly to make presentations about the album, and she has been featured on radio shows and in newspaper articles and television documentaries. "I have become the face of this whole thing," she said.

The hard part, though, is that it has forced Erbelding to stare regularly into the faces of Nazi men and women – people who could pass as her coworkers, friends, and family members. "They don't look evil."

But evil was rampant at Auschwitz in 1944. It has been described as "a slaughterhouse such as the world has never seen." During the 54 days of the Hungarian deportation, the height of the period chronicled in Hoecker's album, approximately 437,000 Jews were taken from their homes in Hungary and sent by train to Auschwitz. With about 8,000 Jews arriving daily and nearly 6,500 of them killed immediately, the crematoriums became so overrun that bodies were thrown into pits and set on fire.

All the while, the photographs reveal, Karl Hoecker and

his fellow SS officers were enjoying associations with women stationed at Auschwitz and the pleasures of a mountain resort 19 miles south of the crematorium. There was hunting and drinking. One photo shows a cluster of several dozen officers singing along with an accordion player. Others show Hoecker lighting the candles on a Christmas tree, serving blueberries to a group of women, lounging on deck chairs, and playing with his German shepherd, Favorit.

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History 299, Introduction to the Study of History, a required – and rigorous – course for history majors at Mary Washington, was integral to Erbelding landing the Holocaust museum internship that led to her full-time job. It also was the key to her recognizing the significance of the Hoecker photo album.

Such an intense undergraduate focus on historiography, research, and writing already had given Erbelding an edge in graduate school.

The professional benefits became clear in late 2006 when an envelope that had been circulating throughout the museum landed on her desk. Addressed to the museum's Research Department, an entity that does not exist, the envelope had been marked up; eventually, ERBELDING was written in big letters across the address.

The letter inside was from a former U.S. Army counter-intelligence officer who had taken an apartment in a bombed-out building in Frankfurt after the war. In the closet of the apartment, this officer found an album of black-and-white photos that appeared to be taken at Auschwitz.

When he returned to the United States, the officer took a government job, settled in Virginia, and stashed the album in his basement. After his wife died and he thought about disposing of his possessions, he wrote the letter to the museum.

He said that the album, which included German captions, seemed to depict "activities in and around Auschwitz, Poland."

Erbelding, who reads at least a dozen prospective donation letters a week, was skeptical. She figured that if the photos were, in fact, of Auschwitz, they were copies of existing photographs. But something about the letter intrigued her. She asked the gentleman – who wished to remain anonymous – to send the album.

When it arrived in mid-January 2007, Erbelding unwrapped it at her desk and started flipping through the yellowed and stained pages. "Your heart starts racing," she said. It wasn't until the third time through, though, that the album's significance started to register.

A face on the far left of one of the photographs stood out. It appeared to be Josef Mengele, the subject of one of Erbelding's History 299 research papers. Known in Holocaust lore as the Angel of Death, Mengele was a medical doctor who conducted experiments on prisoners, many of them children, particularly twins. Through her studies, Erbelding was aware that there were no known wartime photographs of Mengele at Auschwitz. Her UMW research, though, had provided her with enough knowledge of his appearance that she was certain he was one of the men pictured in the album.

"That was my eureka moment," Erbelding said.

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Auschwitz SS hierarchy sing along with an accordion player during a social gathering. Karl Hoecker is on the front row, far left, surrounded by some of the most notorious Nazi officers.

That's also when she began doing "serious detective work."

Whose album was this, she wondered. And how did it get to Frankfurt.

Colleagues at the museum started recognizing other notorious SS figures in the photos, and previously unknown information began to come to light.

The setting for many of the pictures was a little-known pastoral retreat in the Polish hills called Solahutte. Apparently, Nazi officers and Auschwitz staff members went there to relax.

In one of the photographs, about a dozen women sit on the railing of a deck holding bowls. The caption is: "Here there are blueberries." The women show mock dissatisfaction that all their blueberries are gone. Standing in their midst grinning from ear to ear is a Nazi officer.

The same man appears on the cover of the album and throughout its pages. Though his name does not appear anywhere in the album, Erbelding picked up clues and drew conclusions regarding the identity of the album's owner. In addition to the dates written under the photographs and the cords that appear on the main subject's uniform, Erbelding conducted research on SS records seized after the war. She was convinced the album belonged to and was created by SS-Obersturmführer Karl Hoecker, the adjutant to the commandant of Auschwitz.

Hoecker arrived at Auschwitz in May 1944, at the height of the Hungarian deportation, and was promoted to adjutant in June. He fled from Auschwitz when Soviet troops liberated it in January of 1945.

In 1963, Hoecker was tried, along with 20 other men, at the Frankfurt Auschwitz trials. Erbelding discovered a photograph of Hoecker among the defendants. Although nearly 20 years had passed, the resemblance was striking.

Due to lack of concrete evidence that Hoecker was actively involved in the gassings at Auschwitz, he was found guilty only of aiding and abetting in the deaths of 1,000 persons on four separate occasions. He was sentenced to seven years in prison. A father of at least two children, he returned to the banking career he had picked up after the war, took up gardening, and died eight years ago at the age of 88.

Erbelding thinks a lot about Hoecker. "I've stared at him for a year and half now; I know his mannerisms, I know his expressions," she said. "I wonder what was going through his head. I wonder what his relationship with his kids was like. I wonder if he thought about what happened to the scrapbook."

But even more, Erbelding thinks about Hoecker's victims – the men, women, and children pictured in the only other known album from wartime Auschwitz. That album, which came to light years ago, is known as the Lili Jacob album in honor of the woman who discovered it after the war. Nearly 200 photographs, taken on May 26, 1944 – interestingly, one day after Hoecker reported for duty at Auschwitz – depict the arrival of a train of prisoners and their fate. It happened to be the train on which Jacob and her family were riding. She was the only survivor in her family.

The Jacob album is at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem.

The two albums must be viewed together, Erbelding said. "They complement each other in frightening and confusing ways."

UMW history professor Jeff McClurken, Erbelding's advisor, said that if viewed out of context, the Hoecker scrapbook comes across as "a vacation album." He credits his former student with playing a critical role in bringing the album to light.

In the hands of someone less knowledgeable, McClurken

said, "that scrapbook could very easily have been dismissed."

Erbelding's colleagues, too, credit her with recognizing the value of the album. "She spotted the significance early," said Judith Cohen, the Holocaust museum's director of photographic archives. "She took the ball and ran with it."

Cohen, who also has worked extensively on the album, singled out Erbelding's enthusiasm and diligence, noting that her co-worker conducted much of the research when she was "off the clock."

Erbelding's ambition was apparent at Mary Washington. Focused since childhood on a museum career, she came to UMW primarily because of its proximity to the proliferation of museums in Washington.

"I loved the campus – and the climate," said Erbelding, who is from Churchville, N.Y., near Rochester. The clincher, though, was that during her junior-in-high-school campus visit, she got to meet with Porter Blakemore, who was then chairman of the University's history department. "How cool was that for a 16-year-old?" she said.

Between her junior and senior years at Mary Washington, Erbelding held a summer internship at the Holocaust museum.

That turned into a full-time internship after she graduated. Nine months later, she moved into a vacant archivist position. It's her dream job, she said. "I like researching. I like writing. I like figuring things out. I feel incredibly blessed."

Erbelding also likes school. Having earned her master's degree in history from George Mason University, she is now pursuing her doctorate.

Her days are packed. In addition to her full-time work at the Holocaust museum and her part-time graduate studies, she spends spare moments with her boyfriend, fellow history major **Corie Tarbet '01**, with whom she became reacquainted in graduate school.

And, she has become the de facto spokesperson for the Holocaust museum's latest acquisition. In every news account of the album, she plays a key role. These include an article in *The New York Times* last summer, a feature story in *The New Yorker* in March, a segment on NPR's *Talk of the Nation*, and most recently, a *National Geographic* Channel documentary. In addition, Erbelding's calendar bulges with speaking engagements – in May, she was the keynote speaker at a Holocaust commemoration at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

She takes all the publicity in stride, noting that she honed her presentation skills at Mary Washington. It was during her undergraduate years, too, that she perfected her passion for archiving, evident since her middle-school diary days.

"Archivists are hot," she said. What more exciting profession could there be? "You never know what package you will open on your desk the next day."

While Erbelding has immersed herself in history, she never has come to grips with the Holocaust. The "how" and "why" always have mystified her, she said.

When she started working at the Holocaust museum, she thought she finally could find answers. Instead, she has encountered even more questions – and more demons.

She will say, though, that gazing each day into the faces of smiling revelers who condoned brutal killings has taught her a searing lesson: "You can't pick evil out in a crowd." 🏛

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Erbelding, who has made numerous presentations about the Karl Hoecker photo album, says she has become "the face" of this project.

Fulbright Scholars Justin Simeone '08 and Caitlin Gembol '08 have different interests, but they both worked hard and overcame obstacles to earn the prestigious award, which will fund their graduate research abroad.

Fulbrights cap fulfilling UMW careers

By Neva S. Trenis

Justin Simeone '08 and Caitlin Gembol '08 followed different paths to UMW, but they're leaving with the same ticket to graduate research – Fulbright Scholarships. Only five Mary Washington students have won the coveted award, which provides funding for research and study abroad. Simeone, 22, who majored in history and political science, will study constitutional law, politics, and diplomacy in London. Gembol, 24, a biology major, will do research in Quito, Ecuador, on how climate change affects spiders, and ultimately humans.

Gembol and Simeone gleaned everything they could from Mary Washington, sometimes to the alarm of their professors. Simeone's advisors warned he was spending too much time on volunteer service; Gembol's feared she was spending too much time in the classroom.

And both scholars suffered setbacks that could have led them off course for graduation. Though she grew up in Reston, Va., Gembol didn't transfer to UMW until junior year, and she came with no biology prerequisites.

Late summer before Simeone's sophomore year, he was hospitalized after an auto accident broke his back and fractured his jaw. The wires holding his mouth weren't removed until the morning he left his hometown, Tolland, Mass., and arrived on campus – just in time for the start of classes.

This May, Gembol graduated *magna cum laude* with a slew of academic honors and as president of UMW's chapter

of Mortar Board, a national honor society. Commencement found Simeone with a string of volunteer accomplishments – and with the Colgate W. Darden Jr. Award for having the highest grade-point average, 3.99, in his class of more than 1,000.

Simeone was in his second year at Mary Washington when he realized it would take more than his passion for human rights and an undergraduate degree to help frame new laws for how nations treat immigrants and detainees. He asked Jason Davidson, assistant professor of political science and international affairs, to advise him on how to get the most from his years at Mary Washington and leave with a major graduate research grant.

Their plan led to the Fulbright Scholarship that will take Simeone to the London School of Economics in September. He'll enjoy free housing, board, and tuition, and he'll get to work with Eiko Thielemann, whose writings intrigue Simeone. Thielemann, a senior lecturer, is an expert in the problems Simeone wants to study – in the post-World War II era, how do countries humanely treat foreigners who want to immigrate there, who seek refuge, or who are prisoners? Or, in Thielemann's case, how do European countries make a framework of laws that provide for immigrants and refugees, and how do the countries cooperate in doing so?

When the British scholar read Simeone's proposal, "E.U. Member State Resistance to European Asylum Appellate Jurisdiction," he invited him to study in London. The Fulbright Committee agreed to underwrite the project.

Davidson remembers conversations he had with Simeone, then a sophomore, about his goals and how to realize them.

"Justin is great academically, but the thing that is extra with Justin is that he also was savvy enough to think ahead to this," Davidson said.

Their plan involved Simeone's studies on campus and in England – on a UMW Grellet C. Simpson International Scholarship – to study human rights law. It involved his political science honors thesis on how the U.S., Britain, and Israel treat terror suspects. For that research, Simeone traveled to Tel Aviv on a UMW International Research Grant and interviewed politicians, military officials, and a justice of the Supreme Court of Israel.

Simeone joined the UMW club Students Helping Honduras, a relief organization that started at Mary Washington and now includes chapters at 15 East Coast universities. He traveled with SHH to work alongside some of the poorest Honduran residents to build an orphanage addition, a school, and homes. He is board chairperson of the non-profit group, which has raised more than $200,000

The first Mary Washington graduate to receive a Fulbright Scholarship was **Barbara Malone Maxwell '84**, who studied in Germany in 1984. She was followed by **Rola Abimourched '04**, who studied in Jordan in 2004, and **Matthew Kirchner '06**, who studied in Germany in 2006.

The U.S. Congress began the Fulbright Scholar Program in 1946 to "enable the government of the United States to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries." The largest program of its kind, it has helped nearly 265,000 scholars pursue their interests. Sponsored by the U. S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Fulbright Scholar Program for students, scholars, and professionals is administered with the help of the Council for International Exchange of Scholars.

collectively this year. And he was president of the UMW chapter his senior year.

While SHH gave him experience, he also spent countless hours organizing such campus fundraisers as SHH Walkathon 2008. The April event included nearly 1,000 walkers and raised more than $73,000.

Davidson couldn't imagine how Simeone could do all he committed to *and* get a Fulbright. "I kept telling him, 'Justin you really have got to back off from some of this service stuff or you run the risk of damaging your academic career,'" Davidson said. "It is astonishing that he has been able to pull this off!"

Caitlin Gembol wants to help people, too, by learning about global warming. For her senior independent research, she designed a study of spiders to predict how a warmer, dryer environment might affect human health.

Gembol used spiders because their voracious appetites help keep insect populations in check – including those of disease-carrying bugs. If the spiders' populations fall due to changes in heat and humidity, insect populations might grow, and so might the human diseases they carry.

Under the guidance of entomologist Joella Killian, professor of biology, Gembol spent spring 2007 planning her study. That summer, she would gather gravid – egg-carrying – wolf spiders. But she hadn't figured on the drought that hit Fredericksburg, leaving few of any types of wolf spiders.

The spiders were dead, but her research wasn't. She knew Ecuador was known for its biodiversity – including lots of spiders. With the right grant and connections, she might be able to move her project to that Central American country after graduation. Of the many emails she sent to researchers, one to American biologist Cliff Keil at the Catholic University in Quito came back with an invitation to come there to study.

Warming on the Cotopaxi volcano, in the Andes near Quito, had begun to melt glaciers, Keil said. Research like Gembol's had been done in that rare ecosystem only on mammals, never on spiders.

Gembol applied for a Fulbright Scholarship for her study "The Effects of Global Climate Change on the Behavior of Arachnids." The grant she received will cover the research from August 2008 through June 2009, accommodations, medical insurance, and educational materials.

The transfer student packed a lot into her two years at UMW, a place she discovered when she stopped by to fetch a friend for a road trip. "The first time I saw Mary Washington, I fell in love," she said.

But she arrived as a student without the prerequisites for many upper-level subjects, such as entomology and animal ecology. She had been a biology major at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania, but her perfect score on the high school AP exam allowed her to skip basic courses. Gembol "fought" for her first advanced classes at UMW, she said, petitioning professors for permission to jump ahead and take a course overload of 19 hours. In fall 2006, she took four upper-level biology classes, one physics class, and four labs.

"I lived in Jepson my first semester," Gembol said.

More than two years later, Killian is glad she and other professors took a chance on Gembol. She not only excelled at academics, she worked hard for her peers. She was asked to join Mortar Board, a national honor society for seniors, and she took on the position of UMW-chapter president. She was the student-faculty liaison for the Department of Biological Sciences. And she received the Rebecca Culbertson Stuart Memorial Scholarship for excellence in biology, the "Rookie of the Year" Award for outstanding commitment to community service, the Trustee Scholarship for academic distinction, and the Dean's Study Stipend for experiential learning.

"Our concerns were totally misplaced," Killian said. "She hit the ground running and hasn't stopped."

When she talks about the road to her Fulbright, Gembol mentions the excellent classes and professors at Mary Washington, but she also stresses the rare chance to develop and carry out independent, undergraduate research. Simeone, too, had opportunities at UMW that he didn't dream he'd have as an undergraduate. He chose the school because it had the potential to take him where he wanted to go academically and personally. As a freshman, he thought that meant a prestigious law school; what he didn't realize then was that being at Mary Washington would shape his path and his destination.

"UMW allowed me to engage with the world, and I am a more complete person because I was actively engaged, because of what I [was] passionate about as a student," Simeone said. "I have gotten everything that I could have wanted from Mary Washington."

New Courses are a Heartbeat Away

UMW offers two new programs to meet the needs of the community's burgeoning health care industry

By Christine Neuberger

Jennifer Reynolds has worked her way up at Mary Washington Hospital, from pharmacy technician to manager of a five-person senior care services department. But the 42-year-old mother needs a master's degree in business to continue her climb, and UMW's new health care management programs are just what the doctor ordered.

"I believe it may be difficult to advance further without this degree under my belt," said Reynolds, who recently was admitted to UMW's Master of Business Administration (MBA) program and looks forward to completing the new MBA concentration in health care management.

The new programs, which include a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Care Management, will be available at the College of Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford County beginning this fall. They arrive at the right time for Reynolds, and for the local health care sector, which is poised for unprecedented expansion. Both MediCorp Health System, parent of Mary Washington Hospital, and HCA Virginia will open new hospitals in the area, and more medical facilities are planned.

The health care industry already employs 10,000-plus workers in the region – roughly 10 percent of the local payroll, according to a Fredericksburg Regional Alliance economic profile. But once MediCorp's Stafford Hospital Center and HCA's Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center open, health care will surpass other local industries in size by far said Walt J. Kiwall, MediCorp's executive vice president and chief operating officer.

With the expansion expected to fuel demand for more and better trained health care managers, "the need for leaders is growing substantially," he said. "The need to have deep and wide business skills is greater than it has ever been. We need people to take leadership positions who understand not only the science of medicine but the science of management, leadership, and business."

In an effort to satisfy that demand, UMW designed a program that combines a foundation of business skills with an emphasis on health care management, particularly finance, economics, and law associated with the U.S. health care system, said MBA Program Director Alan G. Heffner.

The combination is appealing to Reynolds, who was

UMW has added new health care management programs to help meet the needs of the area's growing health care industry, which, with planned projects such as HCA Virginia's Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center (left), soon will surpass other local businesses.

promoted into a managerial position at Mary Washington Hospital several years ago and urged by her employer to finish her degree. With crucial support from the hospital's tuition reimbursement program, she returned to college, completing the Bachelor of Professional Studies program at UMW's Stafford campus.

Last year, when she met with a professor one evening, the "health care management" sign outside an empty office caught her attention.

"I really enjoy working in a health system, but it's difficult if you're not a clinical person, like a nurse," said Reynolds, who divides her time between the hospital, where she's worked for 19 years, and its outpatient geriatric clinic at Fall Hill Avenue in Fredericksburg. "I'm hoping health care management will give me the expertise I need to advance into hospital administration."

Mark Foust, vice president of communications for the

MBA student Jennifer Reynolds hopes to advance her career at Mary Washington Hospital by taking advantage of the University's new concentration in health care management.

Program Developer Boasts a Healthy Collection of Credentials

Elaine M. Asper's résumé includes such titles as medical research technician, medical center administrative director, financial analyst, senior manager, entrepreneur, university professor, and college administrator. Those credentials make Asper an apt choice as the key faculty member for a program that gives students a foundation of business skills with focused studies in health care management.

"I enjoy new challenges, and I like the opportunity to build on my prior experience," said Asper, who was hired in 2007 to help the University of Mary Washington develop a health care management concentration in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program as well as a health care management certificate.

Elaine M. Asper

"I know from first-hand experience that combining health care with a traditional business background has enormous advantages," Asper said during a recent interview in her office at UMW's College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

A lover of animals and science, the New Jersey native began her career at a teaching hospital. With a newly-minted bachelor's degree in zoology from the University of Minnesota, Asper took a job in research at the New York University medical center. "I started in health care, and my career has returned me to the health care field again and again," she said.

Asper eventually pursued a master's degree at New York University, balancing studies and career, much the same as employed adults enrolled at UMW's Stafford campus. Her MBA in finance opened the door to new possibilities, and she signed on as a financial analyst with Ford Motor Co. in Michigan. She later joined Federal Express Corp., working as a financial analyst near Chicago and afterward as a FedEx station service manager in Lebanon, N.H.

There, Asper's career brought her back to health care when she began working as an administrator at Dartmouth College's teaching hospital, where she drew inspiration from on-the-job frustration. "I saw a huge opportunity," she recalled. "I could see there was a place for business people to contribute to the health care field, and I wanted to share what I knew with a larger audience."

Asper then earned a Ph.D. in administration-health services from the University of Alabama at Birmingham, which led to stints as a professor and department chair at three

HCA Capital Division, predicts that HCA employees will feel the same. "The complexities that rule health care delivery today embrace many different dimensions – legal, regulatory, financial, organizational, and others," he said. "A program that gives students a strong background in these interdependent disciplines is certain to benefit them in a variety of health care settings."

The target audience for these new UMW programs lies in hospitals around Fredericksburg and as far away as Culpeper, Fauquier, and Prince William counties, as well as in physician group practices, outpatient care centers and clinics, independent practitioners, and other health care organizations.

Local industry representatives were consulted as UMW faculty developed the programs, and the University's Board of Visitors gave its approval early this year.

About 10 Virginia universities offer certificates or degrees in health, health care administration, or health care management, according to the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The UMW program, designed to prepare graduates to lead in health care environments of different sizes and structures, varies from most others because it offers health care management as an MBA concentration, Heffner said.

"The MBA is the bread and butter of the business world, and it would offer more career options and flexibility," added Elaine M. Asper, the faculty member hired to design the program and serve as the key instructor. (To learn more about Asper, see the sidebar "Program Developer Boasts a Healthy Collection of Credentials.")

MBA students also benefit from working with other business students with different professional backgrounds and experiences, she said.

Reynolds, who enjoys taking classes with other working adults, has a husband who helps out as she juggles demands on her time. By balancing work and studies, she knows she's serving as a model for her teenage daughter, who is now a community college student.

"It's helpful for my daughter to see me working full time, going to school, and keeping my grades up," Reynolds said. "Now my goal is to attend class full time and continue to work full time. I do feel the need to get this done. I look forward to seeing how my new knowledge will benefit me in the future." 🏛

North Carolina colleges, including The University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill and UNC-Wilmington. When the opportunity arose to develop an MBA program in health care management at UMW, Asper jumped at the chance. "The prospect of formulating this program from scratch greatly appealed to me," she said.

Fortunately, her housemates did not object to the move. These include a 26-year-old cockatiel and two Belgian Tervuren show dogs. A longtime dog-agility and obedience instructor, Asper gained years of entrepreneurial experience as owner of a company that offered training and behavior consultation.

A business veteran familiar with small enterprises, big corporations, and everything in between, she draws on her diverse background in the classroom. She expects students to emerge from the health care management programs well-prepared to manage any setting – regardless of its size and organizational structure.

"Health care has many different environments, from hospitals to large group practices to independent health practitioners," Asper said. "We need to prepare people for all of them."

– Christine Neuberger

Christine Neuberger is news information coordinator at UMW's College of Graduate and Professional Studies.

New GIS Opportunities Point Students in the Right Direction

In an effort to prepare students for another fast-growing field – geographic information science (GIS) – UMW will begin offering a GIS certificate this fall at its College of Graduate and Professional Studies in Stafford County. The five-course certificate will combine GIS theory with real-world scenarios to give students the knowledge needed to succeed in this highly-specialized area and to prepare them for careers in a wide range of fields, including public health, planning, and business marketing.

Students at both the Stafford and Fredericksburg campuses will be able to pursue the GIS certificate as part of a bachelor's program. UMW also will offer GIS as a sixth area of concentration for the Bachelor of Professional Studies, the degree-completion program available at the Stafford campus.

The concentration or certificate, when combined with field experience, can lead to GIS professional certification, a credential offered by the independent, non-profit GIS Certification Institute.

Learn more about GIS opportunities at www.umw.edu/gis.

A First-Class Finish

Left to right: Victoria Crawley, Jason Istvan, Greta Krafsig, and Robert Lynn, '08 grads who were among the first to matriculate to the University of Mary Washington, shared their college plans when they first arrived at UMW. They've come a long way in the past four years.

By Marjolijn Bijlefeld

Nearly four years ago, the centennial class arrived at the newly named University of Mary Washington eager for the experiences awaiting them. Now, with more than 1,000 undergraduates having received their degrees in May, the members of the Class of 2008 seem well prepared for the next phase of their lives.

Several students shared their stories with *University of Mary Washington Magazine* during their very first weeks on campus. Some of them spoke to us again recently, just before graduation. They expressed varying thoughts about their college experiences and their hopes for the future, yet each agreed that the choice to attend UMW helped define who they are and what they want to do with the rest of their lives.

Re-Routed Plan

Four years ago, Victoria Crawley said she wanted to be a doctor, a dream she'd clung to since childhood. Crawley has remained interested in biosciences but has changed her focus somewhat. She has moved to Columbia, S.C., where she'll be a government-contract microbiology research assistant.

"Many of the biology professors, before they taught, worked in research. My advisor, Dr. Kathryn Loesser-Casey, helped me see the different routes a biology major can follow, and she also suggested that government research programs sometimes get better funding."

Victoria Crawley in 2004

Professors guided and challenged Crawley throughout her college experience, she said. From the start, she was impressed by the sincerity of faculty members, who provided an open invitation to help.

"Those bonds grew even stronger over the four years," she said. "The professors remember me from year to year and can see how I've grown."

Crawley said she almost wishes she were a freshman again.

"There's so much going on," she said. "I won't see the Lee Hall renovations completed, and changes in the academic program will benefit young students. For example, when I came in, freshman met four times with their advisors. Now there are eight meetings. Today's students have a lot to look forward to."

Moving Into Management

Jason A. Istvan, who arrived at UMW after attending high school in Ireland, has resettled in America comfortably. His bachelor's degree in economics has prepared him well for a

position he accepted as director of business development for an interior remodeling company in Northern Virginia. His task: move the company into government contracting.

Jason Istvan in 2004

"I turned down some other offers because this job provides the chance to work with a start-up business department," he said.

One summer, he was a management intern at Geico, which led to his being hired as a product manager for a year. He also worked as a product manager in the government solutions branch of Monster.com. With those experiences and the class work he completed at Mary Washington, Istvan feels he is well prepared to begin his career. He credits, especially, his thesis advisor, economics professor Steven Greenlaw. "He's been a big help over the years," Istvan said.

It hasn't been all work and no play, though; Istvan ran track and was an orchestra member until his senior year. He encourages students to take advantage of the variety of programs on campus.

"Read the weekly emails about events. Wander around and you'll find unadvertised concerts, events, poker tournaments, free food, and public lectures from guest speakers. I gained everything I was hoping for from a liberal arts education."

Horse Heaven

Greta Krafsig owned a business before she ever even set foot on campus. She ran Whiteoakstables.net, a virtual reality game for girls who like horses. With a free online version and more features available with a subscription, the game is still going strong. Membership recently topped 100,000, the venture generated several thousand dollars in profit last year, and Krafsig has used the lessons she learned while earning her computer science degree to improve the game. "I have plans to do a 3-D version where users can see their own characters and horses," she said.

Greta Krafsig in 2004

But Whiteoakstables.net is for fun, and now, Krafsig's landed something more serious. She started work this spring for a small software development company in Reston, Va. "I feel like I'm well-rounded enough that I can go into any aspect of computer science," she said.

But gaming, especially gaming for girls, is her love, and at UMW, she enjoyed game programming and graphics courses with Jennifer Polack-Wahl, an associate professor in the computer science department.

"I liked all the classes, and I liked being in a smaller school. I didn't want to go to a school like Virginia Tech, where I would be lost in the crowd. Here, I've been invited to professors' houses for barbeques. It's more like a family feeling," she said.

During her four years at UMW, Krafsig also experienced one other graduation: She moved from virtual horse-ownership to the real thing. She bought Erin, a 9-year-old thoroughbred, last year.

A Brush With Fate

This summer, Robert Lynn will paint in Paris. In the fall, he'll return, bachelor's degree in art and art history in hand, for a post-baccalaureate program in painting. Then he'll apply to the nation's major design schools for a slot in a master's of fine arts program.

Robert Lynn in 2004

"I came here thinking I was going to be an English and computer science major. I took Art I, and midway through my freshman year, I became more interested in art history," said Lynn, who is a Washington Scholar.

He'd wanted to be a painter since he was 8 years old, and he decided his years at UMW would provide the ideal opportunity to explore that passion. The grants and other opportunities he received during his college career have further fueled his desire.

"I've been to Rome and New York City," he said. "I've had exhibit opportunities on campus, and my professors have been supportive."

Their encouragement has validated his art, a contemporary style of painting that includes abstract collections of cartoon or children's book-style images. And if Lynn finds himself teaching art one day, he said, he will model himself after the instructors he had at UMW.

"Students and faculty are not separate entities; there's a real connection, and they're involved in our lives and our career paths."

Lynn, whose mother received her teaching certificate from Mary Washington in the '90s, has a history with the school. Still, it wasn't until he processed into the centennial convocation with other members of the Class of 2008 that he realized the event's historic impact.

"To see the whole UMW community celebrate was amazing."

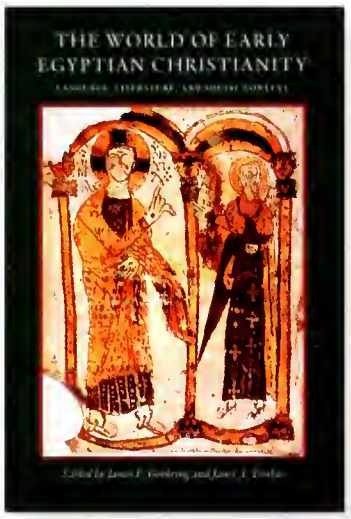
Books by Faculty:

The World of Early Egyptian Christianity: Language, Literature, and Social Context

Edited by James E. Goehring and Janet A. Timbie

A new book of essays sheds light on Egyptian – or Coptic – Christianity, which was built on rigorous faith and self-denial. *The World of Early Egyptian Christianity: Language, Literature, and Social Context*, edited by James E. Goehring, UMW professor of religion, and Janet A. Timbie, adjunct associate professor of Semitic and Egyptian languages at the Catholic University of America, examines a wide range of related issues, such as Coptic literature and culture. It also explores the Coptic language, which was spoken through the 16th century but survives today as the formal language of the Coptic Church.

Filled with significant and influential writings by experts in their fields, the book touches on the connections between Judaism and this early Egyptian Christianity. Included are a new translation and investigation of a letter written by the Christian monk Evagrius of Pontus and a study of *I Am Amazed*, the historically significant exposition by the fourth- and fifth-century monastic leader St. Shenoute. The book also explores Coptic sermons, manuscripts, and grammar, and covers the subjects of Egyptian monasticism and the communal movement of its founder, St. Pachomius.



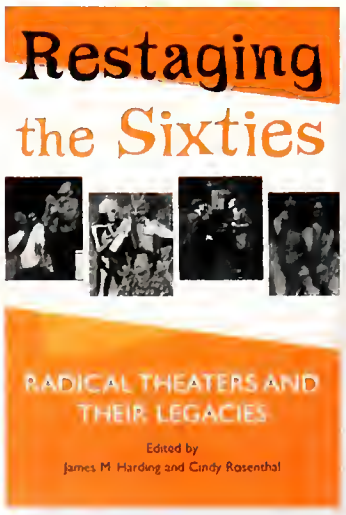
The publication includes essays by Goehring and Timbie; it was written in honor of David W. Johnson, S.J., professor emeritus of Semitic and Egyptian languages at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Published by The Catholic University of America Press, 2007.

Restaging the Sixties: Radical Theaters and Their Legacies

Edited by James M. Harding and Cindy Rosenthal

Few areas of American society escaped the volatility of the late 1960s and early 1970s. The prevailing political passion – fueled in part by the Vietnam War – moved some radical theater groups of the time to engage in their own brand of activism, changing forever the relationship between theater and politics. *Restaging the Sixties: Radical Theaters and Their Legacies*, a collection of essays, recounts the drama – both onstage and off – of that era. Editors James M. Harding, professor of English at UMW, and Cindy Rosenthal, associate professor of theater studies at Hofstra University, commissioned leading theater artists, critics, and scholars to write about eight revolutionary theater groups, including the Living Theatre, the San Francisco Mime Troupe, El Teatro Campesino, and Bread and Puppet Theater. In three-part essays, writers tell the origins of each artistic body, its efforts to weigh in on political issues, and how each helped shape contemporary activist performances. The groups' works and societal contributions are documented along with their legacies, leading to an exploration of how radical theater's embrace of political activism changed the foundations of theater itself.



Published by University of Michigan Press, 2006.

Men's Violence Against Women: Theory, Research, and Activism

By Christopher Kilmartin and Julie Allison

One in six women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime, according to the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network. A new book by Christopher Kilmartin, professor of psychology at UMW, and Julie Allison, director of the Office of Violence Response and Prevention at Pittsburg State University in Kansas, aims to help readers play a role in ending this tragic social phenomenon.

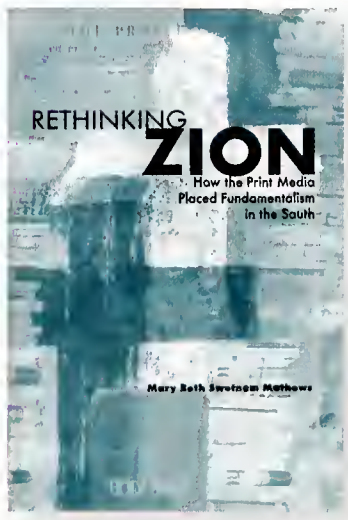
Men's Violence Against Women: Theory, Research, and Activism presents a unique view of gender-based violence, one that stresses that this is not solely a women's problem. Rather, the authors say, it is a human issue that can only be ended through the efforts of both men and women. In their book, Kilmartin and Allison use clinical and social psychological research and theory to provide an in-depth study of this violence, using examples that range from stalking to rape.

The book, intended to serve as a text for college courses, is divided into three distinct sections. "The Problem, The Perpetrator, The Victim" examines gender-based violence, how offenders are motivated, and how survivors are affected. "Theory" provides a social analysis of violence that includes an examination of attitudes, prejudice, and stereotypes. "Intervention and Prevention" is dedicated to varied responses to gender-based violence, ranging from anti-violence programs to preventative efforts.

Published by Lawrence Erlbaum Associates Inc., 2007.

Rethinking Zion: How the Print Media Placed Fundamentalism in the South

By Mary Beth Swetnam Mathews



In *Rethinking Zion: How the Print Media Placed Fundamentalism in the South*, Mary Beth Swetnam Mathews explores how and why American culture has long coupled Christian-fundamentalist thought with the American South. In her book, the assistant professor of religion at UMW argues that the qualities often attributed to fundamentalists

– that they are white, racist, uneducated – are now placed upon the South as a whole. Mathews contends that the origins of the misconceptions about the ties between fundamentalism and the South predate the 1925 Scopes Trial in Tennessee, during which a high school biology teacher was found guilty of teaching evolution. Instead, Mathews contends, the fallacy was spawned by the American print media in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. She maintains that common terms, such as "Bible Belt South" and "fundamentalist South" were created by the media. Ultimately, Mathews, whose research included the study of nonreligious news sources, re-examines the control of religion over culture and, conversely, culture over religion.

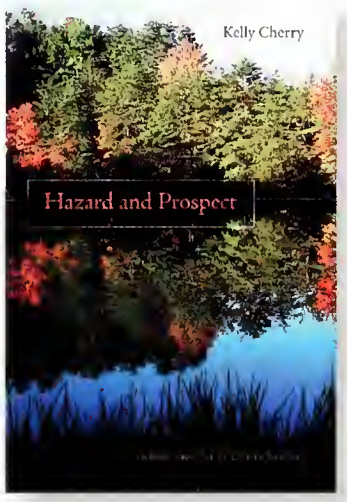
Published by The University of Tennessee Press, 2006.

Books by Alumni:

Hazard and Prospect: New and Selected Poems

By Kelly Cherry

In her recent collection, *Hazard and Prospect: New and Selected Poems*, **Kelly Cherry '61** combines popular poetry from her previous publications with new, short poems outlining the happiness she has found on her Virginia farm. Dedicated to her husband, the collection breaks Cherry's writings into thematic divisions, such as family, first marriage, adult education, and Virginia. Interspersing long-prose poems with short ones, *Hazard and Prospect* reveals a broad range of poetical prowess and a diverse palette of inspirations ranging from the natural world and spiritual longing to love and loss. Cherry, a former professor of English at the University of Wisconsin, has a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Her body of work, nearly 30 publications, includes poetry, fiction, memoirs, and drama.



Published by Louisiana State University Press, 2007.

After the Peace: Loyalist Paramilitaries in Post-Accord Northern Ireland, Version 2

By Carolyn Gallaher

A decade after the signing of the 1998 Belfast Agreement, Northern Ireland's loyalists are still fighting. With her book *After the Peace: Loyalist Paramilitaries in Post-Accord Northern Ireland, Version 2*, **Carolyn Gallaher '91** examines why the fighting continues in the face of the treaty that aimed to quell the 30-year feud between the region's Protestants and Catholics and release the area from the grip of the paramilitary. Through interviews with current and former paramilitary members, government officials, and community residents, Gallaher presents reasons behind the continued aggression and how the fighting has affected the citizens of Ireland. She considers the idea that many members of the loyalist paramilitary want peace and a chance to mend their communities, while others reject that idea and insist on continuing to fight. Gallaher also reveals the loyalists' campaign for Ulster-Scots as a language, as well as the virulent fights among paramilitary groups the Ulster Volunteer Force, the Ulster Defense Association, and the Loyalist Volunteer Force.

Gallaher, associate professor in the School of International Service at American University, received her doctorate from the University of Kentucky.

Published by Cornell University Press, 2007.

River Country

By Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda

The disappearing natural beauty of the eastern Virginia Tidewater region inspired the poetry of *River Country*, a new collection of poems by **Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda '69**. In it, she uses flowing lyrics and rich language to paint pictures of pristine spots still remaining there. With subjects such as rivers and trees, damselflies and fish, cardinals, osprey, and bald eagles, Kreiter-Foronda, Virginia's Poet Laureate, captures the majesty of a microcosm of unvarnished nature in an urban area where man-made change is quickly encroaching. UMW Professor of English Claudia Emerson, who won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for poetry, had high praise for the work: *River Country*, she said, is "graceful and honest in its 'need to leave something nourishing behind.' " In this collection, Kreiter-Foronda gives a voice to wildlife and expresses to others the need to appreciate, preserve, and protect it.

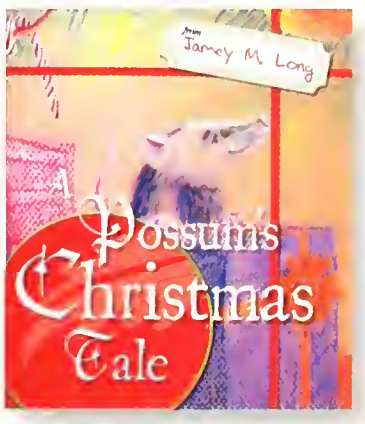
Published by San Francisco Bay Press, 2008.

A Possum's Christmas Tale

By Jamey M. Long

Back when **Jamey M. Long, MBA '05** was a teacher, a student's father, a Pentagon police officer, was killed in the line of duty. In the time after the accident, Long wanted to help his young friend and make her first Christmas without her dad a little easier. That's when Opie the Opossum and Long's book *A Possum's Christmas Tale* were born. Dedicated to Long's student, the story follows Opie as he explores and discovers the joys of family, the holiday season, and the birth of Jesus.

Since then, Long, operations manager for UMW user services in the Department of Information Resources, has written a series of books following the adventures of Opie the Opossum as the creature enjoys holidays and takes part in historical events. Each story, imaginatively illustrated by Brandon Wood, aims to teach children about faith, family, friendship, honor, and love for one another.



Long is also adjunct instructor at George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College.

Published by Tate Publishing, 2007.

Q&A Ranjit Singh

Karen Pearlman

By Marty Morrison

Ranjit Singh '90 experiences déjà vu quite often at Mary Washington. When he became a member of the UMW faculty in 2004, he'd already spent countless hours on campus, both as an undergraduate and growing up as the son of professor Raman K. Singh, who taught English here until 1994.

"My first memories go back to 1967," Singh said. "I was 3 or 4 years old when my father first started working at Mary Washington. I remember visiting his office in Chandler Hall and playing on Dad's typewriter."

An assistant professor of political science and international affairs, Singh is the 2007 recipient of UMW's Giving Tree Award for outstanding faculty or staff. He received a master's degree in Arab studies from Georgetown University and a doctorate from the University of Virginia. While living for seven years in the Middle East, Singh helped design and implement democracy programs in support of the 1996 Palestinian elections. He also managed offices in the Occupied Territories, consulted regularly with senior Palestinian and Israeli officials, served as a consultant for a member of the ruling family in Bahrain, and worked as an Arabic-English translator in Washington, D.C.

These days, Singh is busy making more Mary Washington memories – he brings his own son, Leo, nearly 1, to visit his office in Monroe Hall.

A. *It's one of the most beautiful campuses you could hope to work on. I often think when driving here that it's like working in a park. One of the things I really love is how congenial the people are. It's a very friendly place, and we have some of the most polite students I've ever met.*

A. *I'd like to see the campus internationalized more, with more foreign students and different types of students, and I'd like to see our students spend more time studying abroad. They learn so much more living in another country than they do in a classroom. I'd also like to see them study in nontraditional countries, like the Middle East, Africa, and Asia, more often than they do.*

A. *My travels and the experiences I've had in other countries. It informs my teaching and affects my sense of priorities. I've been in countries where life is very difficult and there's a lot of poverty and political unrest. I think in some ways that brings an emotional aspect to my academic work here.*

A. *Trying to find a balance between family and professional life. I try to keep a clear head about what my priorities are and where they should be and to find a balance between my job, which I love very much, and being a good dad, a good husband, and a good son.*

A. *Sometimes I'll be reading or watching television or I'll overhear a conversation, and I'm struck by a really good idea. I try to think about how that idea can relate to what I do. It can be a huge motivator that adds a sense of excitement to what I'm doing, either in teaching or research.*

A. *People who work very hard in anonymity to do the right thing. I'm thinking of people I've met in the Gaza Strip, one of the poorest, most violent places on Earth. Sometimes I have to step back and wonder how a society can function when there's that much poverty and fighting, and I've been fortunate to have met the people who make that happen every day. They're not famous. They work against overwhelming odds just to make sure the kids are going to school and the streets are getting cleaned.*

A. *I just finished* Peeling the Onion, *the autobiography of Nobel Prize-winning author Gunter Grass. He is of the generation of Germans who, as teenagers, were drafted and fought in World War II. What I appreciated was the complexity of his life and how it was shaped by history and forces beyond his control, and how he, as an individual, tried to deal with those forces.*

A. *How rustic and rural my upbringing was. I was raised on a working farm in Stafford, and my brother and I would slaughter chickens and shovel manure. I remember days when we'd slaughter as many as 200 chickens and put them in the freezer. We also had goats, and we baled hay every summer.*

Give It Your Best Shot!

This photograph, taken in 1956, captures college girls playing cards at Mary Washington, but that's about all we know. Can you help us fill in the blanks? Submit information by logging onto our comment page at www.umw.edu/umwtoday/comments or by snail mail at *University of Mary Washington Magazine* – Get the Picture?, University of Mary Washington, 1301 College Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401-5300.

Get the Picture?

Readers Needed: Help Build UMW's Photo Archive

The Winter 2008 issue of *University of Mary Washington Magazine* included a story about UMW's Centennial Digital Image Archive, an interactive and searchable photo filing system, established in conjunction with Mary Washington's 100th birthday. The collection, which can be viewed by logging onto http://archive.umw.edu already consists of more than 1,000 nostalgic images that string together the history of your alma mater.

From a cloudy black-and-white 1911 photo of Mary Washington's glee club to a vibrant full-color shot taken at the 2004 Multicultural Fair, the pictures illustrate UMW's spirit and vitality – not to mention its century-long evolution from State Normal School to University, from women only to coed.

But, some of the images in the collection are identified only partially or not at all, and the continued success of the system depends on the shared knowledge of UMW friends and family. With that in mind, we introduce "Get the Picture?" a new regular feature that asks for your feedback. In each issue, we'll showcase an image from the University's photographic archives and ask readers to tell us what they know about it.

We begin with this 1956 image of Mary Washington students playing cards. Do you recognize any of these competitive college girls? Have specifics about the time or place the picture was taken? Familiar with the photographer who snapped the shot? If so, drop us a line using the information at left. Your knowledge can help make UMW's visual history even stronger.

Alumna Snags 'Reel' Honor

As creator of the award-winning biographical PBS series *American Masters*, **Susan Wagner Lacy '70** has spent more than two decades honoring the outstanding artists who have helped define culture in this country. Earlier this year, Lacy was recognized for her own cultural contributions, when she was presented a Women in Vision Award by Women in Film & Video (WIFV).

The nonprofit group, which works to advance the professional development of women who work in film, television, video, multimedia, and related disciplines, presented the award to Lacy at a May 8 gala at the Ritz-Carlton in Washington, D.C. The event was designed to honor women who embody the theme "Inspire, Mentor, Teach, & Learn." Also recognized were actress and activist Patty Duke, documentary filmmakers Heidi Ewing and Rachel Grady, and producer Linda Maslow.

"These visionary women have all led and made enormous contributions to shape the industry and the world," said Felicia Barlow, president of WIFV's D.C. chapter.

Now in its 22nd season, *American Masters* tells the stories of artists who have left enormous impressions on the American cultural landscape. Among many others, the broadcasts have featured the great jazz musician Duke Ellington, Pritzker Prize-winning architect Frank Gehry, celebrated popular musician Bob Dylan, *Peanuts* cartoon creator Charles Schultz, and the prolific novelist and journalist Norman Mailer.

Lacy has produced more than 150 documentary biographies and won a multitude of awards – including Emmys, Grammys, and Peabodys – since launching the television shows in 1986.

"A combination of things led to my vision for the series," the *American Masters* website quotes her as saying. "Part of it was my own academic background … I've always been interested in looking at American culture in its broadest context."

The show was awarded the primetime Emmy for Outstanding Nonfiction Series five out of six years, from 1999 through 2004. Lacy also has received numerous additional Emmy nominations and three Oscar nominations.

Susan Wagner Lacy '70

After earning her bachelor's degree in American studies, she went on to receive her master's degree from George Washington University and to be awarded an honorary doctorate from Long Island University in 1994.

In 1996, Lacy was named UMW Alumnus of the Year, and in 2005, she was among 50 women recognized for their exceptional accomplishments at the Museum of Television & Radio's "She Made It" event.

"These visionary women have all led and made enormous contributions to shape the industry and the world."

Felicia Barlow, president of WIFV's D.C. chapter

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet Dishes out Some of the Same

Two years ago, UMW Professor of English Claudia Emerson made national news when she won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. This year, Emerson had another brush with the prestigious award, this time as one of the jurors who chose recipients.

The team, which included some of Emerson's fellow Pulitzer Prize-winning poets, this year awarded the honor – the highest issued for a distinguished volume of original verse by an American author – to Robert Hass and Philip Schultz. The award recipients were announced on April 7.

A University of California, Berkeley professor of English and former U.S. Poet Laureate, Hass won the award for his book *Time and Materials*. Schultz, who founded The Writers Studio, a program that helps fiction writers and poets develop their talents, took the prize for his poetry collection *Failure*.

Emerson nabbed the award in 2006 for her extremely personal body of work *Late Wife*, a three-part series of poetic letters in which a woman addresses herself, along with her current and former husbands. The collection was published in 2005 by Louisiana State University Press.

In addition to *Late Wife*, Emerson has penned *Pharaoh*, *Pharaoh* and *Pinion: An Elegy*, which was published and nominated for a Pulitzer by Louisiana State University Press. Her writing also has appeared in *Poetry*, *Southern Review*, *Shenandoah*, *TriQuarterly*, *New England Review*, and other journals.

From Mary Washington to the White House

When the White House makes the news, two Mary Washington alumni work behind the scenes to broadcast those stories to the world.

Daniela Kelley Sicuranza '00 of the Fox News Channel and **Shawna Shepherd '00** of CNN share more than an alma mater. The two women also share a profession, as producers for the White House press corps, an elite group of journalists who cover the president's every move – from Middle East peace summits to T-ball games on the White House lawn.

"We have to cover everything, no matter how big or small," Shepherd said. "After all, President Bush was visiting an elementary school in Sarasota, Fla., when the World Trade Center was hit on Sept. 11, 2001. You never know when something is going to happen."

Both Shepherd and Sicuranza have exhausting schedules, reporting for work at the White House or traveling around the world with President Bush. They spend their time assisting with research, live shots, packaged stories, and more. "Every day brings a new experience and new challenge," Sicuranza said.

Her work appears on the nightly news show *Special Report with Brit Hume*, as well as in the form of live shots for daytime programming or as pool footage for all the networks. Shepherd produces pieces for CNN, CNN Headline News, CNN International, and CNN.com.

Both temporarily departed from White House coverage to follow the presidential primaries, and they expect more changes to their schedules before the November election. Shepherd briefly served as a producer covering the Rudy Giuliani and Mike Huckabee campaigns early in the primary season, traveling along with the candidates and their staff. Sicuranza accompanied the political unit covering the New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries. All the buzz about the election has made it more difficult for White House coverage to make it on the air, she said.

Even though they have friends in common, Sicuranza and Shepherd did not know each other well while they were students at Mary Washington. While Shepherd was busy with her self-created public affairs journalism major and duties as news editor of *The Bullet*, Sicuranza was balancing her international relations major with activities that included planning events as the Class Council publicity chair. Over the years, their friendship has grown, and they always make time to catch up when they're on trips together or working at the White House.

As members of the White House press corps, Shawna Shepherd '00 (left) and Daniela Sicuranza '00 help put news involving the president in the public eye. Shepherd works for CNN, and Sicuranza works for the Fox News Channel.

During their college years, both women held the same internship, though at different times, in CNN's public relations office. After graduation, Shepherd returned to assist with the busy election year, and Sicuranza followed a CNN co-worker to Fox. The women later became part of their networks' White House units, Shepherd in late 2005 and Sicuranza in 2006.

"I'll never forget being on one of my first White House trips and seeing Daniela's familiar face," Shepherd said. "I am proud of the fact that two Mary Washington grads are part of the White House press corps."

While Sicuranza has found television to be "unglamorous," with long hours and a lack of routine, the travel opportunities and ability to witness news firsthand are two reasons she likes her job. "If you really enjoy what you do, it makes a world of difference," she said.

Shepherd added, "Because you never know what's going to come up, the best part of the job is the challenge and excitement of having to be ready for anything."

The drawback: having to be ready for anything at 6 a.m.

– Teresa Joerger Mannix '01

Professors Receive More Than $100,000 in Grants

Together, Janet Asper, assistant professor of chemistry, and Robert Barr, assistant professor of political science, have been awarded $110,000 in research grants this year.

Janet Asper

Asper, who received a $50,000 grant from the American Chemical Society Petroleum Research Fund (ACS PRF), seeks to provide a more environmentally friendly way to prepare compounds that could be used as pharmaceutical drugs. Barr, who was awarded $60,000 by the Smith Richardson Foundation, aims to improve the understanding of populism in Latin America – a political phenomenon often believed to be harmful to democracy and American interests – and to help decision-makers in the United States develop appropriate responses.

An expert in molecular recognition and organic synthesis, Asper earned a bachelor's degree in biochemistry and zoology from Ohio University and a doctorate in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh.

An expert in Latin-American politics, Barr received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Virginia and his doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

Robert Barr

2008 REUNION weekend

University of Mary Washington

Alumni of all ages joined in the fun and festivities on May 30 through June 1. Reunion Weekend photos by Terry Cosgrove.

FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

TO: All Alumni
FROM: Barbara Burton Micou '69

I'm writing this at the end of my two-year term as President of the Alumni Association. I have been honored to serve Mary Washington during these past two critical and exciting years.

It was wonderful to see so many alumni back on campus for the Centennial Founder's Day celebration on March 14. On an incredibly beautiful day, several hundred alumni, including representatives from nearly every class since 1936, helped celebrate our first 100 years and were treated to the extraordinary thoughts and words of historian David McCullough. For so many alumni, being part of this special day reinforced their connection to Mary Washington. I hope you enjoy the photos and coverage of the event elsewhere in this issue.

This spring, hundreds of alumni, parents, and friends attended regional events in several Florida locations as well as in Atlanta, Philadelphia, New York City, Washington, D.C., and in Newport News and Roanoke, Va., to kick off the Centennial Campaign. At these events, they enjoyed remarks by the national chairs of the campaign, Distinguished Professor of History and University Historian William B. Crawley Jr., and his wife, Theresa Young Crawley '77, along with Acting President Richard V. Hurley.

Despite the rain, soggy ground, and chilly temperatures, Commencement was yet again a glorious occasion, and I was honored to welcome the Centennial Class of 2008, more than 1,100 strong, to our ranks.

We ended the Centennial year with Reunion Weekend, where we witnessed the inaugural Alumni College program of "Classes Without Quizzes," gathered for a reception at Brompton, met our classmates for dinner in downtown Fredericksburg, shopped in the University bookstore, enjoyed a picnic under an enormous tent in front of Monroe Hall, and celebrated at the Reunion banquet. The photos on this page should give you a sense of the fun and excitement of the weekend.

The past two years have been significant and eventful for the entire University of Mary Washington community. As we enter our second century, we look forward with great excitement to the leadership of Dr. Judy Hample as she takes the helm of our alma mater.

It has been an honor to serve you as President of the Alumni Association. I have enjoyed working with a wonderfully diverse and cohesive Board of Directors, and I pass the gavel to incoming President Sue Bridi '81 with great pride in all we have achieved together and all we will accomplish in the future. Stay in touch, attend alumni events in your area, come to reunions, and take time to renew your relationship with this splendid university. Here's to our next 100 years!

UMW Family Admission Workshop

The college admissions process can be both exciting and stressful for students and parents alike. The professional staff of the UMW Office of Admissions would like to arm alumni families with the information they need to understand the process and successfully navigate the college admissions maze. Please join us for the Family Admissions Workshop Friday, Aug. 22 through Saturday, Aug. 23. The program will be hosted in the Jepson Alumni Executive Center, and the cost is $100 per person. For additional information, please contact the Office of Admissions at 540/654-2000, 800/468-5614, or admit@umw.edu.

Alumni Honored at Reunion Weekend

The Alumni Association honored four outstanding Mary Washington graduates during its 2008 Reunion Weekend festivities on Saturday, May 31. The awards were presented by **Benjamin Hernandez '95**, the Alumni Association's vice president for alumni awards.

photos by Terry Cosgrove

Nanalou West Sauder '56

The Frances Liebenow Armstrong '36 Service Award was presented to **Nanalou West Sauder '56** of Lexington, Va., for her service to the Alumni Association and to the University. Sauder served on the Board of Visitors from 1990 through 1994 and from 2003 through 2007, and was reappointed in 2007 to a third four-year term. She is currently vice rector of the Board. She also has served on the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and has been elected to receive emeritus status. She is a longtime member of the President's Council and served as co-chair of the Class of 1956 reunion gift committee.

Rebecca Erbelding '03 and **Harry Thomas '97** received Young Alumnus Merit Awards, which recognize alumni within 15 years of the date of graduation for outstanding achievement in any of the following areas: profession or career, civic activities, humanitarian causes, and endeavors in creative arts and sciences.

Rebecca Erbelding '03

Erbelding is an archivist at the United States Holocaust Museum. In 2007, the museum received an album of photographs depicting several Nazi officers stationed at Auschwitz and participating in various recreational activities. Erbelding's research helped to identify the album's creator as well as several other subjects in the photographs, including Josef Mengele, who also is known as "The Angel of Death." The project has been described in *The New York Times*, in *The New Yorker*, and on a *National Geographic* documentary. Erbelding has been interviewed on French, British, German, Brazilian, and American television and radio, and has been featured on programs with Holocaust scholar Elie Wiesel. Read more about her work in *Disturbing Discovery* on page 32.

Harry Thomas '97

Thomas discovered a passion for working with students during his undergraduate years at Mary Washington. He began his career as an academic advisor at George Mason University. Later, he moved to secondary education as a guidance counselor and then to director of guidance for Stafford County Public Schools. His path led to his appointment as assistant principal at James Monroe High School in Fredericksburg, where he served for three years before being named principal of the city's Walker-Grant Middle School. There, his leadership, visibility, and support make him popular among students, teachers, and parents.

Betty Orr White '68, Head of School at Sacred Hearts Academy in Hawaii, was named recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award. Under White's leadership, the academy recently was recognized as a National School of Character, one of 10 institutions nationwide to receive that designation, which goes to K-12 schools and school districts for providing exemplary comprehensive character education programs.

Betty Orr White '68

Initiatives developed under White's leadership include an annual science symposium to encourage girls to pursue studies in math, science, and technology; a financial literacy conference for girls; and a weeklong economic summit focusing on specific occupations and professions. White joined Sacred Hearts Academy, Hawaii's largest all-girl school, as a social studies teacher in 1971 and eventually was named vice principal and then principal. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Coalition of Girls' Schools.

Class Notes

1940

Mary B. Edwards of Poquoson wrote: "It was my privilege to have attended Mary Washington and to have been a member of the first class to graduate from Mary Washington College. The training I received has helped give me a useful life."

1941

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When the fall 2007 issue of *TODAY* came out, the husband of **Lundy Baker Updike '76** glanced through "Class Notes," saw my address listed, and realized that I was a neighbor. Lundy emailed me, and what a blessing. We've become friends, and I have met her delightful family: husband Jim and sons, Sam at the VCU School of Arts, Jim at Annandale High School, and Tom at Poe Middle School. Now, when the Winter 2008 issue arrived, I glanced at the Class Agents' addresses and found that **Anne Radway '63** is a neighbor. I phoned her, and we had a great chat and plan to get together.

An interesting statistic: Of the 127 members of the Class of 1941 pictured in the yearbook, approximately 51 receive the alumni news. I'd love to have news from some of you!

1942

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Hey survivors! How about some news from any of you? Are you still driving a car? Do you have any gray hair yet? Some sort of news from any one of you, please.

1943

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Catherine "Diddie" Laushey Covington and husband Tom have moved to a retirement community in Decatur, Ga., and are enjoying the service, meals, and freedom from housekeeping; she says it's like living on a cruise ship! Also, their first great-grandchild has arrived.

Jewell Spencer Marvin and husband Ed took a two-week trip to Alaska last year. But for Christmas, they went back to Martinsville, Va., her hometown.

Beatrice Draper Atkinson, our champion traveler, took a round-the-world cruise last summer – 39 ports, 29 countries, six continents. This makes 79 countries visited, and she plans to visit five more! She also planned to attend our 65th Mary Washington reunion.

Ruth Bailey Conroy of Naples, Fla., also made plans to attend our 65th reunion and stay with friend **Mary Anne Sutton '46**. Ruth planned to visit her sister in Cumberland, Va., and **Edith Staalman Winslow** might go with her on the trip.

Anne Mason Gall says her big news is that she now has a great-grandson – Alexander Weidert. She recently had a back-home visit to Indiana and keeps busy with church and writing projects. She is a faithful choir singer. Do you remember her as director of Mary Washington's YWCA Choir? We sang at chapel, gave a concert in Richmond once, and would sing for anyone whenever they asked!

Memory Moment: Did any of you help paint the beautiful murals in Monroe Hall? They are kept in fine condition, and one Mary Washington official said, "They are our treasure." Art teacher Emil Schnellock planned and designed the Virginia-scene murals, and his students did the painting while standing on a high, movable scaffold. **Frances Rector Steagall** and I remember seeing our roommate, **Flora Copenhaver DeBusk Scott**, standing on the high swinging scaffold with buckets of paint beside her, reaching way up to paint a mountain! Flora died in February, and we choose to remember her waving to us from the high scaffold.

1944

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We have just returned from a trip to New Orleans by train for Hank's annual ship reunion. He was on the battleship *U.S.S. New York*, and this year a "new" *U.S.S. New York* was built in New Orleans and was christened there on March 1. Some of the steel from the Twin Towers was melted down and used in the prow. Entertainment was provided by the Navy Band, Firemen Bagpipers from New York, and the Singing Firefighter from New York. We still keep active with band, church, and the local historical society, and I am now a Red Hatter! We have a new granddaughter-in-law and a newly engaged granddaughter.

Keep up the great correspondence. With all of you so busy, I appreciate the time you have taken to send me your letters, notes, and emails.

Christine Hall Herndon and her husband toured St. Petersburg, Russia, and the capitals of Estonia and Latvia; Peter the Great's castle was magnificent as was the Hermitage Museum. After that, they drove to Madison, Wis., to visit their son, who retired from teaching this year. They spent some time at home remodeling their kitchen, then were off again to Washington, D.C., for a military reunion. They visited with their children in California in December. Two of their grandsons graduated from California Polytechnic. Sadly, Christine's sister passed away the day after Christmas after suffering from dementia for a number of years. More recently, the Herndons toured Spain and Morocco with a couple with whom they've been travelling buddies for 20 years.

Marilynn Price Heady lives at The Manor at Woodside, a Poughkeepsie, N.Y., senior citizen residence that is close to her three sons. Two of her sons are retired and the other, Paul, is a middle school social studies teacher in Hyde Park, N.Y. Marilynn has six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two grandchildren are in college, one is a recent graduate of Oberlin College, and one works for AmeriCorps/Vista providing arts programs to children living in homeless shelters in Philadelphia. Two are married and one is engaged. Marilynn says that, although her mobility is somewhat limited, according to her son, she remains mentally sharp and socially connected.

Fran Tracy '44 was asked to be a mentor for CrossWorld, a program for future missionaries.

Nettie Evans Lawrey had a nice trip to Mary Washington in October and while she was there, she watched her grandson play in a soccer game. One of Nettie's sons is a professor at George Mason University. Son Tom works out of Broadway, and Betty teaches in Richmond. Nettie is doing OK physically but says she has only short-term memory due to a stroke. She enjoys choir and the church book club. Nettie's husband, Tom, had bladder cancer that, fortunately, has been removed after a six and a half-week radiation series.

Leah Fleet Waller wrote from Florida that she was disappointed not to be able to go to the Centennial Celebration.

Libby Phillips Roe and her husband, Bill, have moved to a retirement community in Hockessin, Del. It was difficult to leave the home where Bill was born and where his family lived since 1913, but they are enjoying their newfound leisure. In close proximity are their daughter and two sons. Granddaughter Kathy was to graduate from medical school in May and her sister, Anna, is at Drexel, where she is working toward completing her doctoral degree in electrical engineering.

Anna Roberts Ware said she had a grand visit with Libby and Bill and also with their daughter, who lives just 66 miles away.

Marie Kennedy Robins' son and his wife took her on a wonderful trip to Buenos Aires and Montevideo in September. She had never crossed the equator nor been to South America, so it really was a trip to remember.

Jean Adie Mogavero said that she loved the recent *TODAY* and was delighted to read about the activities at UMW. She had a laugh at the memory of Dr. Shankle singing in Chandler Hall. Jean's daughter, Susan, plans to get married in Tennessee and to eventually move to New York.

Virginia Morgan Kline attends concerts in Washington, enjoys Navy wives' luncheons, and meets with her "old" tennis friends. Gini and Bill celebrated their 50th anniversary in January, and their daughter, Debbie, and her son, John Edward, came east from California for a week to join Daphne and Nancy in celebrating. Congratulations to you both!

Virginia Pumphrey Webb says that Cookie, her 2-year-old cat, is the joy of her life. **Elizabeth Wade Otte** also commented on the last issue of *TODAY* and said that the staff should be commended. Last fall, she made her first visit to Niagara Falls and was thrilled by its magnitude and energy.

Cena Carswell had a complete family Thanksgiving weekend with all 27 members – from six different states – at a granddaughter's house in Kentucky. Cena said such a gathering probably won't happen again in her lifetime.

Isabel Hilldrup Klein and her husband, Bob, have moved to a retirement community in Lumberton, N.C. Isabel has had two recent surgeries – gallbladder and hernia. Their granddaughter, Robin, is engaged and working on her doctoral studies with her fiancé. Their grandson, Shawn, is an assistant district attorney working with juveniles in Raleigh, N.C.

Jane Brownley Thomas and husband Jack are enjoying their condo and have made a lot of new friends.

Elizabeth Cumby Murray has settled into her new home in Nantucket. She said it really simplifies life, but she misses her beautiful big house on the water. Her sad news is that her son-in-law, Giles, has lung cancer and was to begin five weeks of chemo and radiation. We will keep him in our prayers.

Ruth Gubler Kluge said her winter highlight was a three-day visit

ith **Merle Updike Davis** and husband ob at their pretty home high in the erkeley, Calif., hills overlooking ie Golden Gate Bridge and the San rancisco Bay. "We are thankful for ie friendship we have shared for 8 years and will always have fun gether reminiscing about our Mary Vashington years."

Anne Benner Gee has been raveling with her bank, going on ystery trips, and spending four days n Branson, Mo. She has visited Omaha, es Moines, and Kansas City, and seen *hantom of the Opera*, the Rockettes, the ipizzaner Stallions and the Glen Miller rchestra. Congratulations to Anne r being recognized for her 40 years of olunteer service with the Southwest wa Theater Group in Shenandoah!

Hazel Strong Morris has really njoyed reading *TODAY* and was rprised that Mary Washington is 100 ears old. (We are nearly as old!) She has een in touch with **Jean Wade**. She said iat **Nancy Duval Andrews** has moved another nursing home in Richmond ut is OK. Hazel stayed in Delaware for ie winter instead of going to Myrtle each or Florida. She still hears from er cousin **Polly Herd** in Arizona, who as found through our alumni news. Iazel was a close friend of **Josephine otts Coleman**, who passed away in nuary from a massive stroke.

Fran Tracy had a new experience n January. She was asked to be a ientor for CrossWorld, a program for uture missionaries, and thoroughly njoyed working with the girl assigned her. Fran and a friend took a trip the Jersey shore last year, and she ter traveled to Vermont to visit her ld stomping ground. A highlight was isiting the cottage where she had spent ummers during her younger years.

Virginia Hawley Butler lives with er daughter and her husband near lacksburg, Va. Their two children ve close by. Virginia enjoys Virginia ech sports, bridge, Red Hats, day rips with Montgomery County Parks nd Recreation, and church activities. he visits her other daughter and her usband in Roanoke, Va. Their daughter as married in Naples in November nd now lives in Lexington, Va. Virginia aid her sister, **Helen Hawley Turner**, st her husband, Randolph, just before hristmas. We will be thinking of her nd her family.

Martha Scott Roger sent me this nformation: **Katherine "Doodie" ompkins Branner** and Bob have oved to a retirement home in ichmond. **Emmy Lou Kilby** resides t Sunrise of Arlington. Also, **Bertha IcPhail Johnson** and husband Jim are emi-retired from their music stores round Hattiesburg, Miss., and are ealthy enough to go to the Country lub every day. Martha and her husband till live in Onancock or, as she says, our good old Eastern Shore of Virginia." oth are thankful to be healthy and ctive; he fishes, she gardens, and they till take time to travel.

I just received a letter from **Carolyn Atwell '51** that her good friend **Elizabeth M. Bowers** passed away in October 2007.

1945

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In the winter issue of *TODAY*, it was interesting to see the 1943 College Shoppe picture. Did you recognize three of our classmates: **Jinny Gunn Blanton**, **Lillie Macheras Decker**, and **Hildy Parks Cohen**? What fond memories we have of the C-Shoppe and the Honakers, who were long-time managers.

We extend sympathy to **Ann White Leonard**, whose husband passed away in November 2007. Ann's support group includes five children, six grandchildren, and many friends, including Mary Washington alumnae **Betsy Shamberger Eggleston** and **Betty Sharp Sellinger**.

Thankfully, **Marjorie Storms "Jerse" Reddoch** is in remission following ovarian cancer and stressful chemo treatments. The Reddochs have seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and one on the way. Jerse asks for prayers. One of her grandsons, a West Point graduate, is a medevac helicopter pilot in Iraq, flying into hostile territory to pick up the wounded.

A Christmas letter gave an update on **Nancy Aitcheson Taylor** and Bill, both of whom have experienced health issues. Nancy's surgery for a broken hip was successful. Following that, she had knee replacement surgery. Physical therapy, the use of a scooter and stair glide, the care and love of family and friends, and determination all contributed to her recuperation. Now she walks without even a cane. Bill also has encountered problems that put him in the hospital for brief stays, but Bill and Nancy are both positive thinkers. They enjoy life and their family.

> ***Betsy Shamberger Eggleston '45 and Gene Smart were married in November at a small service in their church, with family members and close friends.***

Nancy's Mary Washington roommate, **Doris Lanham Einbinder**, lives close by and the two stay in touch. Doris helped celebrate Bill's 83rd birthday at a dinner with the Taylors. Days are busy for Doris. Her grandson, Michael, a third-year cadet at the Naval Academy, marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Alexandria, making Doris proud.

Anne Dawideit Dickerson was invited to represent the Class of 1945 on March 14 in Dodd Auditorium at the Centennial Founders Day Convocation, which included greetings from Gov. Timothy Kaine. A special component of the ceremony was a processional led by a representative from each class. What an honor! Our class members were proud for Anne to represent us.

Once again, Anne, **Betts Roberts Johnson**, and **Lois French Lockhart**, and their husbands met for lunch in Orange, Va. Two Dickerson grandsons have joined the family business in Fredericksburg, which makes Anne and Duval very happy and grateful. Another great-grandson was expected to join the family in January.

Lillian King Everette has experienced both happy and sad times since our last report. There were many trips, local outings with friends, picnics, shopping trips, parties, doctor appointments, church functions, and visits to the sick, and a regular schedule of meeting friends for breakfast and dinner. The death of her sister and her own surgery in September were traumatic, yet she feels blessed to be well now.

Wedding bells rang! **Betsy Shamberger Eggleston** and Gene Smart, a church friend, were married in November. A small service was performed in their church, with families and close friends attending. Following the deaths of their spouses, Betsy and Gene discovered common interests and a mutual bond. They enjoy traveling, and one of their main interests this winter is supporting and going to Randolph-Macon women's basketball games. Congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds.

In February, **Grace Bailey Lindner** and Carl were honored guests at the Richmond Gentry Social Club's 50th anniversary black-tie dinner/dance. As a past president and charter member, Carl gave the toast to Richmond Gentry and its former presidents. The *Richmond Times-Dispatch* reported this social event, complete with a picture of Grace and Carl, the only charter couple present. Later in the month, the Lindners escaped the cold Virginia weather and enjoyed a cruise on the Caribbean.

Jean Hudson Inskeep visits her husband, who remains in a care facility in Front Royal. Hospital volunteer work, an active exercise program, and time spent with family and friends keep her days full and her attitude upbeat. Her daughter-in-law helped design a four-story float for the Rose Bowl Parade. Jean hears from **Louise Lilly Barrett**, who is well settled in her retirement home.

Dot Arrington Trivett lives alone in her new home in Grundy, and her son lives close by.

Our classmates have faced many medical problems and challenges since our last newsletter. **Gloria Post Goodsell** is still positive after months of exhausting chemo treatments following surgery for pancreatic cancer in October. She is grateful for the skilled doctors and modern medical facilities, as well as the care and love of her many friends and family. Roger now qualifies as nurse as well as cook and caregiver.

Chris Brauer Krausse wrote that Spott is improving from multiple health problems. Many doctor visits and tests indicated leaking heart valves. At last report, he would receive treatment, not surgery, to correct this condition. Chris' sister, **Elsie Brauer Lee '46**, is in a retirement nursing home.

Elinor McClellan DeCamp underwent successful heart bypass surgery and reports that she feels better than she has for years. Following the hospital stay and time in a rehab center, Elinor was able to return home and resume life with her dog, Max.

Dorothy "Skip" Potts Taylor's hip replacement was a success and a welcome relief from excruciating pain. Acupuncture seems to be easing the discomfort she suffers from an arthritic back and knee. In spite of health issues, she and Wally have an amazing, busy schedule of volunteer work, community socials, church work, gardening, and exercise programs.

News in our family is scarce. We're keeping up with many appointments on the calendar and the usual home maintenance chores. Our great-granddaughter has brought much joy to our lives, and we're looking forward to the arrival of her brother. The words "MeMa" and "DaDa" are fun to hear. Our grandson, who has been in Tokyo working on his master's degree, will return to the States in August.

1946

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1947

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My son, Harry, and his wife, Jennifer, along with her 8-year-old grandson, have moved from my garage apartment to Haines City, Fla.

Ruth Meyer Butler reports that she still communicates with **Jean McCausland**, **Sue Womer Almond**, and **Mary Jane Lindenberger Setzer**. For the last two years, Ruth has lived in a retirement home near her son in Austin, Texas. She keeps busy chairing a book club, serving on the program

committee, and acting as associate editor of the monthly newsletter. She was just elected to the resident council, a seven-member governing body for her community.

Ladies, please send your letters and emails for our next edition. We want to hear from you!

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You have made my job lots of fun this time – your response was wonderful! By the time you receive this, many of you will have been to our 60th reunion.

Last fall, Earle and I had a great cruise from Venice to Istanbul, disembarking in Athens after cruising the Greek isles. My family all gathered in Richmond at Thanksgiving for a rare reunion. On the agenda this year are trips to Rome and New York City, two grandchildren's graduations, and several weeks in Maine. Unfortunately, I could not be at the reunion because of conflicting plans. Stay healthy.

Headlines in the Richmond paper in early December recorded the death of **Jane Maury Denton**, wife of ex-POW and former senator Jeremiah Denton. Do you remember the pretty May Court sophomore from Mobile who left school at the end of that year to marry her childhood sweetheart during June Week at the Naval Academy? The article spoke of several honors she had received in recognition of the wives' efforts to bring POWs back home.

Betsy Robertson and I occasionally chat, and she last reported that **Anne Barnes Baugh** had spent Thanksgiving with her in Danville and "hadn't changed a bit." Anne herself wrote that she is keeping up with volunteer jobs, bridge, and exercise at Gold's Gym three mornings a week. I think she is a real role model for us over-50 ladies. She has five grandchildren, two of whom are still in school. Anne planned to leave for Chile, Brazil, and Argentina in March for three weeks and to spend much of the summer at Virginia Beach with family, as she generally does. She, Betsy, and **Marge Batty Hill** planned to be at the reunion.

Marge wrote that turning 80 was hard to accept, and I guess most of us agree. She and her husband, Irvine, spend January and February in Richmond during the General Assembly, and planned to spend March and April in St. Augustine, a lovely city full of history. Marge has two sons and two grandsons who live close by in Norfolk.

Virginia Spickard Manson enjoyed a surprise 80th birthday party surrounded by family and friends from her church. She is "at peace and growing in spiritual relationships and Bible study." She has just completed a 15-foot mural for her church and has illustrated a Christmas story coloring book to be sent to mission fields in Africa, India, and Siberia. A similar book of the Easter story is in production. Virginia has a son who works at Bridgewater College, another son who is a pastor in Oklahoma, and a daughter who is in the mission field in a Muslim country.

From Hattiesburg, Miss., **Charlotte Smith Hill** wrote that she and her husband belong to a wellness center and are doing their best to hold back the ravages of time. They enjoy classes and activities offered by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute of SMU. Last July, they visited their son in Granville Ferry, Nova Scotia, and explored that province from the Bay of Fundy to Cape Breton on the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Atlantic Ocean. At Christmastime, Charlotte received cards from **Sylvia Sheaks Moore**, **Ruby York Weinbrecht**, **Margaret Ruth Harrell Youngblood**, and **Marie Adams Griffith**, all of whom live in Virginia except for Marie, a South Carolina resident.

> ***In recognition of her community service, Lois Saunier Hornsby '48 graced the cover of a recent Williamsburg pamphlet.***

Our class president, **Lois Saunier Hornsby**, graced the cover of a recent Williamsburg pamphlet that recounted the many ways that Lois serves her community. She has a particular interest in promoting literacy through reading programs, but her concerns are many and diverse. Her personal motto – "to be is to do good" – was quoted. She also wisely philosophizes that "life is meant to be enjoyed – it's an adventure!" I think she has not only had an enjoyable adventure, but also has contributed a great deal. Lois met with several of our classmates to make plans for our reunion.

Byrd Stone Helguera, healthy all her life, had more than a double whammy when she turned 80: three breast surgeries and follow-up radiations, then a heart attack requiring three stents. Her husband remains relatively active but uninterested in travel because of his walker. Their sons live in Nashville and in New York. Byrd spent a week in Virginia in 2007, visiting friends and attending the Chattanooga Jazz Festival. Saddened by the death of her roommate, **Jane Burton Pennewell**, she stopped to visit Jane's daughter while in Virginia. Byrd and **Mary Elizabeth Mould Huestis** phone and write, as always.

Peggie McVey Mason wrote her usual upbeat and peppy message. Her son brings her coffee and breakfast every morning, she has the most beautiful 2-year-old great-granddaughter in the world, and she thanks God she is alive. She spent February in the hospital in ICU with not much hope, but now she is enjoying being home and is looking forward to her spring and summer flowers. While in the hospital, she was visited by her old friend **Ashby Griffin Mitchell**.

Sadly, Ashby lost her husband recently. At Christmas, she went with family to Telluride, Colo., and spent a week in a beautiful Victorian town surrounded by snow-covered mountains.

As I write this, **Whickey Whitley Knight** is probably recovering from jet lag from her Mary Washington-sponsored trip to South America. She is doing fine, is busy all the time, is looking forward to the birth of her second great-grandchild, and is anticipating a summer of gardening, the beach, and a possible trip to Nova Scotia and St. John's. Whickey cruised Italian waters in the fall.

Like most of us, **Mary John Moore Payne** has turned 80, and her comment was "Ugh." With the good news of the birth of healthy twin great-granddaughters came the sad news of the death of her husband of a massive heart attack. They had been married 56 years.

Fortunate to have reasonably good health, thanks to vitamins, good medicine, and country living, **Nancy Salisbury Ellis** enjoyed a 10-day reunion over Christmas with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren – nine came all the way from California. Ellis summer plans usually center around their sweet corn operation on the farm. The sales work, which begins around the end of June and lasts until mid-September, serves road stands and grocery stores in the Trenton, N.J., area. While Nancy's son now owns and manages the farm and about 20 employees, she and her husband manage the pack house and help with record keeping.

Being a caregiver is taking its toll, but **Jane McCullough** is still hanging in there, tap dancing, playing duplicate bridge twice a week, and teaching a bridge class at an assisted living facility. Her Wright Tappers won a gold medal at the state finals of the Senior Games, with her choreographed Rockettes-type number. Last year, they traveled down Russian rivers and lakes, from St. Petersburg to Moscow, and also cruised from San Diego around the Hawaiian islands. This year, they planned to take a spring cruise on a riverboat from Paris to the south of France and travel to Alaska in September. Jane always gets travel insurance because they can't tell how fast her husband's Alzheimer's will progress. Jane reported that **Margery Johnson Walter** died in 2007. She also wrote that family was to stay with her husband while she attended our 60th reunion.

Marjorie Selvage Stone is getting some articles published and some rejected. She was saddened to learn of **Natalie Klein**'s death last May, remembering especially what fun they had on a Chesapeake Bay cruise several years ago. Marge's eldest son is with WDBJ-TV in Roanoke, Rick is with a travel agency in Redondo Beach, Calif., and Glenn and his wife both teach at Washington University in St. Louis. Marge's granddaughter is a sophomore at Columbia University, and her grandson will enter Northwestern University in the fall.

Glenna "Sandy" Graves is the only one among us to stay 73! Isn't she the lucky one! Attitude is everything! In 2007, she was in New York to see Tom Stoppard's *Rock 'n' Roll*, The Museum of Modern Art, and The Met. She also dropped in to Sardi's and Birdland.

Vivian Marie Adams Griffith spent Thanksgiving in Maryland with family and Christmas in Georgia with more family. She has six grandchildren and four great-grands, and she loves condo living as she has more time to play.

Shortly after celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends, **Anne Williams Cordes'** husband died from heart problems, and she recently lost a daughter-in-law, so it has not been a good year for her.

Our bride, **Sarah Armstrong Worman Gregg** of Leesburg, Fla., wrote that she is doing fine, but all birthdays depress her. She and her family were in Pensacola, Fla., to see her grandson, who graduated last year from Annapolis, receive his wings. Sarah expects to become a great-grandmother in August. Her daughter still lives in Charlottesville and across the street from **Carol Byrd Williamson**, so occasionally Sarah comes back to visit. We had hoped to get together when she came at Christmas but time sped by.

Betty Strader Shamburger and Van are still in their house on the hill overlooking the South Anna River. Her daughter is married to a Methodist preacher and lives in Herndon, Va. Son Pete and family live in Richmond. Betty's granddaughter was student government president her senior year at Randolph-Macon College. Betty and her husband had a wonderful trip to Scotland with her daughter and her husband in September. **Jean Moore Engleby** and her husband, who moved to Hanover about the time the Shamburgers did, have now moved to Covenant Woods Retirement Community nearby. Betty saw **Ruth Gilmer Huettel** when Ruth's sister, Lib, died last spring.

Ellie Brackett Buse's daughter, who lives in Santa Monica, has invented a computer animated Barbie doll program in which Barbie sings and dances. Her other daughter works with underprivileged children. Ellie travels and continues her daily walking.

Lorraine Mock wrote from Winchester that she is in an assisted living facility and, after breaking her hip, is using a walker. She keeps up with **Geraldine White** and **Emily Lynch Fairchild**.

Charles City Tavern was the rendezvous spot for the reunion/80th birthday celebrations of **Justin Edwards**

Borland, **Ann Buckle Orteig**, and me. We have met for this occasion for many years and have lots of laughs. Justin's son Curtis was married last year, Peter is a senior book editor in New York City, and Cabell is in Greensboro, N.C. Justin is entertaining the idea of retirement living but is still in her home.

Gene Watkins Covington and her husband travel some, to Costa Rica, Fort Lauderdale, Myrtle Beach, and Virginia Beach, but they thoroughly enjoy being at home as almost every weekend there is someone – family or friends – visiting. Gene's one son lives close by in Tappahannock, and her oldest granddaughter is in her first year at Virginia Commonwealth University. Gene continues her close friendships with **Ashby Griffin Mitchell**, **Janice Merritt**, and **Becky Fristoe Goode**.

Lois Blake Tankersley wrote that she is in good health though less agile than she used to be. She is not having to admit to most people that she is 80. She moved to Corpus Christi, Texas, last year, and planned a trip to Israel this spring. Her youngest son was married New Year's Eve, and the New Orleans children live in an area fully recovered from Katrina.

All the sons of **Jeanne Reifsnyder Wiseman** are now stateside, two in Yorktown, Va., and one in Arizona. Her daughter lives in Houston, and her three grandsons are all in college. Jeanne traveled a lot when she lived in Germany and in Hawaii, so she is content now to limit her traveling to family visits.

While still teaching 20 private violin pupils a week, **Elva Welday Newdome** also babysits her son's 3-year-old twins. Such stamina! Her 43-year-old daughter has fought cancer for several years, but it is now under control due to a new drug. Elva and two other daughters took their second cruise in late 2007.

Ann Scott wrote from Sarasota, Fla., that she is glad to miss the winters in New York. She goes to Sag Harbor, N.Y., for the warm months. Her grandnephew is now in third grade and at the top of his class. Ann and Cass communicate, and she also stays in touch with Charlie Beal, **Lunette Harris**' widowed husband.

Barbara Longaker Yowell has a wonderful family – six sons with six young families, and they are all close by. Her grandchildren are ages 6 to 25. Barbara will visit her first great-granddaughter and attend two family weddings this summer. She and sister-in-law **Betty Jane Yowell** are close.

Ruth Gilmer Huettel noted their luck in traveling in and out of the Denver airport on days that the blizzard was not raging. They had gone to visit children in Boulder. Getting around was difficult, but the snow was spectacular. Ruth has seen **Betty Meade Thornton** several times recently, once at dinner and again at Barter Theatre.

It was a joy to hear from **Edith Matzenger Balfe**, a Mobile, Ala., classmate now settled in Seabrook, Texas. She has three daughters with busy families. One lives in Texas, one lives in Florida, and the youngest lives in Maryland. Edith and husband Bill mostly stay at home, enjoying quite a bit of reading, entertaining friends, and staying in touch with far-flung family and friends via frequent long phone calls. Edie's health is remarkably good, she writes, though she finds herself slowing down some, enjoying home life rather than globetrotting these days.

Living in Colorado Springs, Colo., **Jean McClarin Jones** is generally in good health. She wanted to be at our 60th reunion to hug all her "old" friends. Jean has four children, a granddaughter practicing law in Seattle, and two grandsons in college in Seattle and Phoenix. She occasionally enjoys the opera in Santa Fe, N.M., went on a Danube River cruise in 2007 with a missionary friend, and celebrated her 80th birthday with family and friends at Estes Park, Colo.

Barbara Thomas Phillips wrote that she is age-appropriate, still plays a bit of tennis, and exercises. Their publishing company continues in a reduced way and she does freelance editing work and, as of this writing, does intensive volunteer work for Sen. Hillary Clinton's campaign. Barbara's three daughters, all with families, are productively engaged – one as a museum director, one as a communications director for Sen. Joseph Lieberman, and one as a senior teacher in a school for highly motivated at-risk children. Barbara recently enjoyed a canal boat trip in the Loire Valley of France.

Norvell Millner Thomson wrote that she is A-OK, still serving as a docent for the Lynchburg, Va., museum system, taking piano and computer lessons, participating in a book club, and working out in a gym and walking. She spent some time touring Natchez, Miss., before Christmas – a delightful visit to homes beautifully decorated for the season. She took several mini-trips during the year, one to Jamestown for the Colonial Dames gala, where she spent time with **Justin Edwards Borland**.

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FROM JUNE: Sadly, we must relate the passing of two classmates. The first was belatedly reported to **Virginia Lee White**, who forwarded the news to us. **Mary Lou Morgan Glossbrenner**'s husband, Jax, wrote that his wife of nearly 58 years had passed away quietly in her sleep in August 2006. After spending much of the last year in poor health, she died just four days after being diagnosed as terminal, he said. His letter was a moving tribute from a loving husband, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy.

Word then came in a note from **Elizabeth "Betty" Fischer Gore** who reported the demise of her roommate and lifelong friend, **Josephine Drury Ramsburg**, in September. Jo had been in an assisted living home in Berryville and suffered from severe emphysema. We know Jo is sadly missed by all who knew her and loved her.

In her note, Betty said she continues to keep busy with her watercolor paintings. She attended a workshop in Myrtle Beach, S.C., where she studied monoprinting in watercolor. Betty keeps in touch with **Mary Elwang Sharpley**, who resides at The Colonnades, a retirement home in Charlottesville, where Betty also plans to move in the next year or two. Mary later learned that Betty was in rehab following hip replacement surgery. Mary also told us that **Barbara Westerman Newlon**'s husband, Howard, had recently had a hip replacement himself. Betty and Mary are formulating plans for our 60th reunion next year.

In news gleaned from Christmas cards and notes, we learned that several class members had health issues during the year. **Dolores "Dee" Ross** wrote of having a double bypass heart surgery in May 2007.

Jackie McConnell Scarborough said she had an angioplasty in July, with one stent inserted into a heart artery that failed by October, necessitating a double bypass for her, too. Jackie said husband Les has had his hands full but pronounced him "a very good nurse."

Elva Tate Hasher said she thinks she is "falling apart" as she has lost hearing in her left ear and "Arthur" (one of the "Ritis" boys) has taken up permanent residence in her left knee! Elva spent Christmas with her daughter, Ann.

Keeping busy and happy most of the time, **Barbara Trimm Wright** wrote that "for some reason" DMV requested a vision test and updated photo last year. She quipped, "I can't imagine why!" We know, and so does Barbara; many of us hit that special year, too! Happily, Barb passed her test and her license was renewed again for five years, for which she credits her successful cataract surgeries.

From Richmond, **Dorothy Desmond Helfrich** wrote of continued sciatic pain and recently added peripheral artery disease to her list of health problems. She was scheduled to have angioplasty in February to clear the plaque from the arteries in her leg. Her *good* news is the acquisition of a new companion, a 3-year old toy poodle retired from a puppy mill.

Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood's Christmas card was an adorable picture of her kennel's 6-week-old basset hounds, who kept her home for the holidays. However, in February, she was again ringside at Westminster for her 45th show and happily embraced one of the owners when the judge chose the perfect beagle "Uno" as best-in-show.

> ***Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart '49 performed another production of* Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks. *She was onstage continuously and whirled through the six dances, from the waltz to the cha-cha.***

Still enjoying their new home and the small town ambience of Palestine, Texas, **Katherine "Kate" Mayo Schmidt** and Bill had their son, Bill Jr., and his wife with them for the Thanksgiving holiday and were expecting a quiet Christmas.

Lucy Vance Gilmer wrote that she would have her brother and his family for Christmas Day dinner in Bristol, Va.

As usual, **Jean "Murph" Murphy Baptist** expected 16 family members for her Christmas Eve dinner, with entertainment probably to be provided by her two little great-grandsons. Jean joyfully reported that her son, Edward, had finished his 16-month tour of duty in Iraq and was back in Germany with his family. He was to spend February on the East Coast before reporting to Fort Irvin, Calif., where he'll spend the next two years. Jean said she is "still vertical," but everything she does takes twice as long as usual. Happily, her children are nearby in Martinsville.

From their transplanted home in Roswell, Ga., **Jeanne Farrington Leslie** and Mike sent holiday greetings. She reported that they are in good health although Mike had torn his rotary cuff, could not play tennis, and faced a lengthy rehab. In celebration of octogenarian birthdays for both, Jeanne and Mike's daughters took them to Hilton Head, S.C., where Jeanne reported that all had a marvelous time. In July, they drove to Quantico for their grandson's Basic School graduation and subsequent commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. With the arrival of their second great-grandchild and another due in May, Jeanne concluded that they are "in awe of God's goodness."

Gwen Brubaker Connell and John left their Fort Myers, Fla., home for two special trips last year. First, they drove through Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee, and had a wonderful time visiting family and friends. Their second trip was to Utah for a memorable

vacation and the celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary. Both Gwen and John observed their 80th birthdays in August, and they were made even more special as the occasion brought their four children and their spouses to Florida for a weekend of togetherness. Gwen reported two new great-grandchildren born last year and at least two more expected this year, for a current extended family total of 45! With so many wonderful events during the year, there also were some things that provided a better understanding of the familiar poem *Footprints in the Sand.* Gwen added, "I'm sure God carried us more than once." Amen.

In her Christmas message, **Jane Yeatman Spangler** wrote that she and Bob have enjoyed having their daughter, Janet, living with them in Concord, N.C., during her nurse training. She planned to finish in May. An added bonus was having Janet's children join the family for Thanksgiving, together with 1-year-old Taryn, the Spanglers' great-granddaughter, and Nancy, their daughter. As usual, Jane and Bob planned a Christmas visit with their son and his family in Carlisle, Pa., then traveled on to Washington for New Year's Eve, with a stop in Lexington for a brief visit with **Betty Bond Heller Nichols**. In reference to our upcoming 60th reunion next year, Jane wondered how many "Fabulous Forty-Niners" might make the sentimental journey back to the scene of our youth. "We're still as cute as ever!" she observed.

Betty Bond recapped her busy schedule in her holiday note, saying that during the Christmas season, musicians do not have a life of their own. B.B.'s daughter, Anne, directs the children's choir at their church, so guess who got "volunteered" to rehearse and accompany them?! After the holidays, B.B. was anticipating a very special event – Anne and her husband and four children (ages 12, 10, 8, and 7) were to take B.B. to Jamaica for her milestone 80th birthday. She was looking forward to the sunshine and warmth, especially the warmth provided by 80 lighted candles. Welcome to the Octogenarian Club, B.B.!

Seeking a respite from Toronto's wintry weather, **Corinne "Conni" Conley Stuart** and Bonar planned an eight-day Caribbean cruise in late February. Flying out during a major snowstorm, they basked in the tropic sunshine then returned home during another snowstorm. With others reported at sea in February, mayhap (in fond memory of Lady B.) our cruising classmates were on ships that passed in the night. Earlier, Conni performed another production of *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks.* Onstage continuously, Conni whirled through the six dances, from the waltz to the cha-cha, and said she was "in pretty good shape" by the end of the run.

Now settled in at The Summit in Lynchburg, **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons** is enjoying its many benefits. She is taking a weekly tai chi class, has joined the book club, is a new member of Friends of the Library, and was to begin line dancing lessons in March. Andi finds Lynchburg to be a lovely old city with many interesting places to visit therein and nearby. She also enjoys a breathtaking view and spectacular sunsets from her back balcony, which overlooks a lake, with woods leading the eye up to the mountains and the Peaks of Otter. Two sons, Hal and Scott, and their families live in Lynchburg, and son Clay and family are only an hour "and three mountains away." Son Rob and his new family aren't in immediate proximity; however Rob's in-laws live in Lynchburg. Andi had a surprise visit from Bob Barden, husband of her Mary Washington roommate, **Barbara Watson Barden**, and their son, who came from Lancaster, Pa. Andi has reunited with her classmate and lifelong friend **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly** and husband George, who also enjoy their condo in a nearby retirement complex.

Carol Bailey Miller '50 has been appointed to the Cumberland County (Va.) Planning Commission.

Marion is delighted to have Andi available for convenient lunches, frequent phone calls, and lots of "remember when's." The Kellys went by train to an Elderhostel offering in New York that revolved around the five boroughs of New York City, with morning classes followed by exploring on the subways. In September, Marion and George flew to Basel, Switzerland, boarded a river boat with 115 passengers, and floated down to Antwerp, Belgium. The highlight of their year was a very special party for George's milestone 90th birthday observance. It was a gala celebration with all their children, grandchildren, and old friends gathered. The Kellys started off the year with a trip in February to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for 10 days of welcome sunshine, temperatures in the 80s, and leisurely visits with some of George's old friends, who make their home there half the year.

We are delighted to finally have news from two dear classmates. From Dallas, **Virginia "Ginny" Jones McKie** reported that she and Jay continue their seasonal changes by driving to Norfolk around the first of May for five months, then returning to Dallas on the first of October. One special event last year was having the whole family together for Thanksgiving at daughter Betsy's home in Newport Beach, Calif. Feeding 22 relatives for dinner required two huge turkeys. Ginny and Jay have two grandsons in college, one at Rensselaer and the other at NYU. Their other grandchildren are girls.

Dawn McElrath Gill also sent a welcome update, saying that she's happy to have attained her octogenarian status. Dawn counts these things among her many blessings: She enjoys good health; she's still in her home of 40 years; she's a bird watcher and a "party animal"; she still plays bridge and goes out a lot; and she enjoys visits with her son and family in Roanoke and her daughter and family in Culpeper. Dawn further reports that she has a regular "gentleman caller!" Sam is a retired rheumatologist who works at the Free Clinic and attends the same church as Dawn. They became acquainted seven years ago during a church pilgrimage to England. Sam was a recent widower, and Dawn's husband, Frank, died in 1996. Dawn's daughter, Pam, took her on a cruise to Alaska last summer and had scheduled a cruise to the Caribbean in February; Dawn admits she easily could become a "cruise junkie!"

Dawn also visits her twin sister, **Ann McElrath Quinn**, in Charlottesville as often as possible. Ann's husband, Earl, has Parkinson's, and their two older sons live nearby while their youngest son lives in the Boston area.

As for me, when I reported the loss of my beloved sister, Betty, last March, I had no inkling that only three months later my other sister would be diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. In just three months, she also was gone. Many may remember her: Evelyn Knight, a popular singer and recording star of the '40s and '50s, whose records aired everywhere during our junior and senior years. In 1949, four of them topped the charts for several months, unheard of today, earning her gold records, network radio programs, and frequent guest appearances on TV variety shows of that era. Few know that after graduation, I joined my sister in Los Angeles to work as her secretary. Throughout the next two years, appearances at the top supper clubs of the day necessitated touring to every major city for two- to four-week engagements at each hotel.

It was while on tour in Chicago that I met my future husband, John, a nationally known broadcaster. Two years later, we were married in Los Angeles, with a lovely reception at Evelyn's Brentwood home, and soon returned to Chicago. Evelyn remarried that year and gradually closed out her singing career as music tastes turned to other styles, notably rock 'n roll. In 1961, Evelyn was honored by having her star placed on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Now, "the song is ended, but the melody lingers on." Both in her private life and public performance, Evelyn always was a class act.

Because of her love and generosity, I was afforded four years at Mary Washington and a wealth of post-graduate experiences. All of us sisters shared a lifetime of wonderful memories, which remain inviolate. Heartfelt thanks to those caring classmates who offered sympathy and shared their fond recollections.

As ever, love to you all from both of us.

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I am pleased to be able to have more news for this column due to the wonderful notes that appeared on my Christmas cards, and I thank everyone who took the time to write a few words.

I would like to backtrack to my last news in which I wrote that **Jean Sprower Hampton** had lost her home. This was due to a fire, which greatly destroyed the structure. Her latest note reported that the old fire-damaged house is now a lovely, new, and modern house. Jean is happy to have her youngest grandson, age 6, living nearby, and she has three older grandsons in Vermont.

I also delivered the sad news of the death of **Jackie Newell Recker.** During the holidays, I received a nice note from her husband, Len, who mentioned that Jackie had experienced failing health for about four years. While she lived in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., she was on the board of the Women's Golf Association and was a sustaining member of the Junior League of Jacksonville.

Peggy Litton Fox and Bill still live on Lake Harding in Hamilton, Ga., about 30 miles south of Callaway Gardens. They both volunteer at the gardens and with PAWS – Bill has taught his Australian sheep dog to read! – and they have worked more than 11,000 hours at St. Francis Hospital. They recently celebrated their 57th anniversary and became first-time great-grandparents.

There was sad news from **Gerry Boswell Griffin** in North Carolina. Her husband, Dave, was recovering well from brain surgery, when he contracted pneumonia and then an unidentified infection, which spread to all his organs. He died within four days. She has had wonderful support from friends at The Pines, where they have lived for two years. Gerry is trying to keep busy, serving on various committees and attending exercise and water aerobics classes, as well as taking advantage of season tickets to various Davidson College events. Her daughter, Judy, who lives in Phoenix, was diagnosed with breast cancer and was fortunate not to have bad effects from her treatments. Gerry is looking forward to a more tranquil and less stressful 2008.

Helen Hopkins Timberlake lost her husband, Neal, in August of 2007. He had been seriously ill for two years, having had lung cancer and heart surgery. Our sympathy is sent to Gerry and Helen.

It was nice to receive two letters from **Connie Metzger Verlander** and Joe. Their lives have changed a bit since Joe's stroke in 2005. It was very serious, but with many hours of therapy and hard work, he is doing OK. All of their children live nearby. Son Paul is a

successful landscape architect, and he and his wife have two sons in college. Michael, an anesthesiologist, and Christina have a son and daughter in college. Connie's daughter, Mary, and her husband have three children. Their daughter, Ann Marie, who is with Pulte Homes, as is her sister Michelle, was married in June. Connie has given up real estate after 30 years and doesn't miss the stress.

> ***Kitty Garland Obenshain '53 had her sixth children's opera officially première at Radford University in November, followed by six school-tour performances.***

Clelia Boushee Bullard and Ray aren't as active as before Clelia's bout with lymphoma began about three years ago, but they have a good quality of life, working around the house, dining out with friends, and being with family. When Clelia's energy is low, Ray helps out, and they share the cooking. His signature dishes are shrimp creole and meatloaf.

Elsie Davidson Floyd's back is in a "holding pattern." She has had three nerve blocks in an attempt to get rid of the pain she has off and on in her left leg, but none have worked. Her family has been a big help, preparing most of the Thanksgiving dinner and visiting in the summer.

Carol Bailey Miller has cut back on her horse-show officiating but enjoys taking multiple day trips with her "barn buddies" group of four adult ladies who ride. At Graves Mountain, they enjoyed a trail ride through the orchards. A Winchester trip included a side trip to the Charlestown racetrack, where she lost $6 on the ponies. Carol was reelected to the VHSA Board of Directors and has been appointed to the Cumberland County (Va.) Planning Commission.

Billie Mitchell Hanes and Dick had a springtime visit to New York City, traveled to Vermont at the height of the fall foliage, and continued to Quebec City. Business responsibilities and Dick's traveling have been lighter, and Billie is happy that her good eye is stable.

The highlight of the year for **Nan Riley Pointer** and Joe was a cruise to Hawaii, where they visited Pearl Harbor – a moving experience. Nan and several friends also went on a bus trip to Branson, Nashville, and Asheville just before the holidays, and they enjoyed the Christmas shows and decorations. Nan continues to be active in her local United Methodist Women group. She is the Virginia President of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons and attended its Central Council in Chautauqua, N.Y.

Ginny Hardy Vance sent me the obituary for **Ann Wrigley**, and then I received a phone call from **Mary Mount Lind** with the same information. We had a nice chat, and I was glad that all is well with Mary and Dick. Ann, who lived in Alexandria, did work for the federal government and for the Republican National Committee in a program for large financial contributors.

It was an up-and-down year for **Barbara Birkenmeyer Mader** and Bill. Traveling to visit family and their usual stay at Nags Head were the good parts. The downers were the loss of their not yet 5-year-old basset hound, Rhoda, and Bill's being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. He is still maintaining most of his activities and received a much-deserved Community Service Award. Barb is pursuing the possibility of having a cochlear transplant, as her hearing loss is an ongoing issue.

Barbara Lloyd Hiller and Jim made it to their grandson Kevin's graduation from the Air Force Academy in Colorado – an awesome ceremony. They celebrated their 55th anniversary with the whole family in Ocean City, Md., at Thanksgiving. They enjoy their life in State College, Pa., where there is much going on. Barbara is now editor of the Women's Club newsletter.

Marge Diener Knapp didn't make the overseas trip to sing in the Salzburg Festival with her church choir due to a bad fall. She spent the summer recuperating and is now in her new house in Jamison, Pa., just south of Doylestown.

In San Diego, **Betty Gavett Breeden** and Joe made a move to a small two-bedroom apartment not far from their former home, which they are renting to their son and his family. They have had some health-related challenges due to Joe's back pain and Betty's hernia surgery. She is doing fine now and enjoying mending books as a library volunteer.

Winston Jones Lata and Alfred of Lawrence, Kan., did quite a bit of traveling in 2007 – a mini-reunion of Alfred's Princeton classmates on Nantucket, a Caribbean cruise, and a grandson's wedding in Florida. Winston recently finished her six-month probation in order to become a Lay Associate of the Order of the Holy Cross. This means that she is trying to live a Benedictine life.

Patti Head Ferguson and Glenn sent a lovely Christmas letter with pictures of the family. Scott and his wife, Andrea, live in Berkeley, Calif., and he is traveling the world as vice president of Ergomeda, an international medical equipment company. Their son, Royce, is in Shanghai teaching math to college students. His brother, Arno, is minoring in Japanese at UC-Berkeley and hoping to return to Japan this summer. Patti's daughter, Sherry, and her husband, head of the World Bank, travel a lot; Patti's son and his wife work for Edenspace; and their daughter is taking a year off from William and Mary to study in London near her younger brother, who is at Lancing College. The sad news is that Glenn has been diagnosed with terminal bone cancer. He savors family visits and keeps up with the sports pages.

The family of **Carmen Zeppenfeldt Catoni** has had some trying times, too. Her son, Luis Angel, had to have a kidney removed due to a malignancy. Carmen's daughter, Ana, was with Luis while he was in the hospital in Miami and was able to give reports of his progress.

Alicia De Rivera-Cruz took a cruise with her niece on the Carnival ship *Inspiration*. One of their ports of call was Cozumel. Although she still has not gotten together with Carmen, she has seen **Mary Jean Diaz** several times in St. Petersburg, Fla., and in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

As for me, my most recent Elderhostel experience was in Baltimore, where my high school friend and I attended lectures and recitals at the Peabody Institute of Music. I have also had many get-togethers with **Miriam Sollows Wiel** and Earl, mostly while we are at our Cape Cod homes, even though we live in New Jersey year-round. Earl does a lot of golfing, and they both are active in their church, with Mim using her artistic ability to do most of the decorating for special events.

1951

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Hello, classmates! Well, guess what … I am still waiting for some news from you all. The next deadline is July 15th. Please, please, please send your news!

I received a letter from **Jean Tomko Chapman** telling me of deaths that have occurred in the families of some of our classmates. Condolences go out to **Carolyn Bowers Atwell** on the death of her mother, who was 104. Also, **Jeanne Burchell MacDonald** lost her father.

1952

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Class of 1952 – we look forward to hearing your news of travel, grandchildren, and retirement. July 15th is my next deadline. Keep in touch!

Joan Britten Lucas and her husband have made a decision that quite a few of us have contemplated. They have sold their house and have an apartment in Paradise Valley Estates, a 68-acre gated retirement community. Joanie wrote, "Life couldn't be better."

Susan Hutcheson Jurgens had lunch with **Carol Oliver Headlee**, **Maxine Haley Hazelgrove**, and **Rita Morgan Stone** last fall. The Headlees and the Stones live in the same retirement community in Richmond. Susan has also talked to **Mary Lou Finney Boyd**, **Elaine Nader Powell**, and **Ginny Orkney Philbrick**. Susan's two grandsons, 2008 college graduates, plan to head to graduate school.

Carol Edgerton Cooper and her husband, Charlie, have three great-grandchildren and have been doing lots of traveling. They celebrated Charlie's 80th birthday in Budapest.

Margie Gibson Blaxill joined my husband and me on an African safari in Kenya. We have many photographs of elephants, wildebeests, zebras, and other exotic creatures. It was fun!

1953

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My Bub and I continue to enjoy good health, fine friends, and great family. We are "holding" at 11 grandchildren, ages 5 to 29. A granddaughter graduated from Virginia Tech last May and is now in dental school at VCU. Another granddaughter planned to graduate from the University of Denver in June, and we're looking forward to our first visit to Colorado for the occasion.

Adele "Punky" Crise Thomas became nostalgic reading the Centennial issue of *TODAY*, remembering just how beautiful the campus is and how wonderful our years together there were. She and Buz, who live just outside of Annapolis, are retired, active, and healthy. Their five daughters keep in daily contact. Two granddaughters are at Duke; one was cast as Sandy in Duke's production of *Grease*. Adele enjoys painting still lifes and portraits under the tutelage of a fine young artist.

Deigh Renn Simpson stays busy renovating her home and entertaining friends, and she had the "most fantastic Christmas season in years." She, **Barbara Faxon Stout**, and **Charlotte Benz Villalobos** were looking forward to being together at our 55th reunion.

Peggy Ellis Gill lives in Massachusetts and spends much of her summer tending to her garden and spending time with her husband, Paul, and her Irish terrier, Weebo. All three get away for a spell each winter to a favorite corner of north Florida. For the last four years, Peggy has been the Irish Terrier Club of America's delegate to the American Kennel Club, after having served earlier as technical representative to AKC's Canine Health Foundation conferences.

Betsy Dickinson Surles is busy picking up pre-retirement projects and finding lots of material for the DAR's research into ancestors from the 1800s. She discovered several old cousins well

into their 90s. Betsy's daughter had an 11-day work assignment in India.

We are saddened by the death of **Pat Saunders** on Jan. 6, 2008. **Martha "Ginny" Bailes** wrote that Pat had been ill and in a great deal of pain for some time. Ginny is still in Strasburg, retired, doing volunteer activities, and gardening.

Peggy Hopkins Johnson sent an impressive supplement that ran in *The Free Lance-Star* highlighting UMW's Centennial Celebration. So many exciting events! Peg had a nice trip to Florida with her sister in January. She plays cards every Saturday night with a group of six friends.

Pam Powell Wiehl reported from sunny Florida that she and Bill are relatively healthy, the grandchildren are great fun, and Naples is a wonderful town. They enjoy outdoor concerts, walks on the glorious beaches, excellent tennis facilities, and many programs at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

Norm and **Garnette Bell Crawford** have become quite active at Salisbury University in Maryland, where Norm served as president. They attend most of the football and lacrosse games, luncheons, convocations, etc. Church activities also take a chunk of their time. Their travels are confined mostly to the East Coast, and they take an occasional cruise. Garnette enjoys their annual trip to Rhode Island to see hometown friends. Daughter Sally lives nearby, and they visit daughter Ellen and her husband in Charlotte, N.C., a couple times a year.

A Christmas card from **Ginny Poole Kinniburgh** reported that she and John take great joy in the successes of their six grandchildren and satisfaction in sharing time and talent with their church, friends, and community. They were looking forward to a Christmas journey as they visited family from Virginia to Florida, where they spent several weeks at a condo in New Smyrna Beach.

In the building next door to Ginny and John's condo were **Kitty Garland Obenshain** and her husband! Kitty's sixth children's opera officially premièred at Radford University in November, followed by six school-tour performances. "The school tour is always a great pleasure for me," Kitty said, "seeing children so intent on the characters and the story is truly ample reward for my labors." Her older granddaughter graduated from the University of Evansville and is finishing her internship in music therapy at a hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Here is a wonderful story from **Betty Mason Roper**: During the holidays, son John and his family (wife, 3-year old, and 1-year-old twins) were driving from Atlanta to Boston when they slid off the interstate on some black ice and rolled their van, totaling it. Fortunately, all were strapped in, and no one was seriously injured. When her son called in the early morning, he said they were being checked out at a hospital near Christiansburg. Betty immediately called Kitty Obenshain. Kitty and Ray went to the hospital, took the family to a motel, and took John to Roanoke to get a rental car. "We are so grateful to Ray and Kitty for being surrogate parents to our offspring," Betty said. "It gave us some peace of mind knowing they were in good hands."

Joan Schlesinger Miller called to report that she stays busy as a member of the executive committee of the opera company that performs in Norfolk, Richmond, and Northern Virginia. She was to leave soon on a tour she designed for opera and museum patrons, with visits to Moscow and Leningrad. She also serves as president of the auxiliaries for two area hospitals. She and **Janet Swan Clements Jacobs** stay in touch.

I just heard from Peg Johnson that **Doris Ann Lindsey Whitfield** is being treated in North Carolina for Guillain-Barré syndrome. I surely hope that by the time you are reading this, she will be enjoying a full recovery. What a wonderful focus on her conservation work in the winter issue of *TODAY*!

Many, many thanks for your news! By the time we read this, we'll have more news from the reunion.

1954

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Thanks to all of you who contacted me. Please note that there are two email addresses for a while. Please use both, since I don't know when I will switch. Best wishes to all.

Pat Hatfield Mayer called with the sad news that **Anna Nash Kay McDaniel** died on Jan. 31, after a long battle with cancer. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family, which includes a 10-month-old great-grandchild.

Pat has finished her three-year tour as state regent of the Virginia DAR and is now one of 21 national vice presidents general. Her husband, Donald, is a semi-retired estate planner with an office overlooking their garden, which he carefully maintains. The Mayers attended Mary Washington's Centennial Celebration on March 14 and enjoyed chatting before dinner with the speaker, author David McCullough.

Mary Lou Puller Griggs wrote with sadness that **Lucy Ann Ingalls Hostettler** died on Jan. 3. Lucy Ann was in our class but stayed at Mary Washington only two years. She married Stephen Hostettler, a '53 graduate of the Naval Academy, and they had two children. After many duty stations around the world, they settled in Annandale, Va., about 30 years ago. We extend our condolences to her family.

Pat Swain Holzberlein '54 taught swimming, gymnastics, and driver education for 40 years and now drives a van full of dogs and cats for the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation's weekly adoption events.

Toni Miller Drain and John spent a week last summer in Chautauqua, N.Y., going to lectures and musical events and discussing *Ethics and the Media*, and they spent another week exploring the Finger Lake region of New York. They're glad to have had Christmas in California in '06, because Pfizer transferred their daughter, Ann, back to Connecticut in the spring. Toni and John are still very busy with church work. Toni sees **Jane Bradfield Davison** occasionally and **Helen Wilber Vogel** often. Helen also is busy with church work and helping care for her six young grandchildren.

Linda LeHardy Sweet and Jauncey have regular Thursday visits with their 5-year-old grandchild. Linda often sees **Peggy Hopkins Johnson '53**, who also lives in Fredericksburg. The Sweets were delighted that **Babs Wilson Taliaferro-Potter** and Bob could spend two nights with them, while attending Mary Washington's Centennial Celebration.

Babs said that the celebration started at Brompton in the late afternoon, continued on for dinner at the alumni center, and was an elegant affair. **Pat Mayer** was the only classmate she recognized. This year, Babs' travels have included London and Newfoundland with the Grenfell group, Plattsburgh for a grandson's graduation, Bermuda for an anniversary, Asheville for "leafing," and several trips up the road to St. Augustine, where her world-traveling son broke his neck. He was on his bicycle coming fast down Vilano Bridge when he hit wet grass and tumbled over his handlebars. Babs had prayer circles going all over the country. After six weeks, he had no paralysis and was back at his job as a head and neck surgeon.

Pat Swain Holzberlein taught swimming, gymnastics, and driver education in the public schools for 40 years and now drives a van full of 20 dogs and cats from Falmouth to Fairfax for the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation's weekly adoption events. They have three rescued dogs and are now fostering a basset hound who, tied to Pat's waist, hikes, blades, and bikes with her.

Helen Hodges Conte has been taking classes at the Frederick Community College Institute for Learning in Retirement. The first was tai chi, which was a challenge, then she took American history courses with interesting day trips. She continues to be active in her church and volunteers at Homewood, their church retirement community. Helen is also a member of the Frederick County Genealogy Society and has spent many hours researching her mother's family, whose members have lived in that county for several generations.

Sue Sykes Shipman and her husband keep busy with church activities and their active senior group. The Shipmans planned a Thanksgiving '07 Carnival cruise out of Mobile, Ala., with the entire family (three children, spouses, and two grandchildren).

Pat Ashley Mathena sent information that **Virginia "Jingles" Kirkwood Browning** moved to Rappahannock Westminster Canterbury in Irvington, Va.

Bootsie Simpson Johnson's son and family have moved into her neighborhood, so she gets to enjoy their two children, ages 2 and 4, more often. Her daughter's daughter is now 16. If anyone is interested in organic homeopathic medicine, Bootsie will be happy to talk with you, as she attributes her recovery from lymph node cancer and shingles to that therapy. She's looking forward to our Class Reunion next year.

Ruth Russell Cobb was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizen Hall of Fame last fall. The group recognizes individuals for their skills and willingness to serve in many capacities as a volunteer. She was also the feature quilter in November at their quilting guild's show. Ruth began quilting many years ago with the Steppingstone Museum and lives close to Lancaster, Pa., which is a quilting center. Congratulations on both honors, Ruth!

I have apologized to **Carolyn Osborne Jenkins** for the entry in the winter '08 edition of *TODAY*, which was caused by editing problems. She and Bob plan an August trip to Prague, Nuremberg, and sailing on the Danube to Budapest. They will return via London for a visit with the twin grandchildren.

1955

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Wow! I've got so much news from you.

Ann Dunaway Criswell and her husband live in their Virginia home in the summer and in Los Altos, Calif., in the winter, where for the last 29 years of Ann's teaching career, she taught at Castilleja girls' school. Castilleja was the "rival" of Miss Harker's School for Girls, which I attended.

Coralyn White McGeehan's beautiful grandchildren range from ages 16 to 23. In November, she took

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a "wonderful trip" on the American steamboat round trip from New Orleans on the Mississippi River, and she spent two days sightseeing on her return.

Eileen Cella Manze has been feeling much better, and she was keeping her fingers crossed. She moved into a new condo in the same condo group, but it is closer to her family, which gives her added support.

Phyllis "Bee" Melillo Shanahan and John moved back to Connecticut to a house that she said is too small, but a huge storage rental helped. Bee enjoys views of the Long Island Sound, fishing, and gardening. Last summer Bee, her daughter, and granddaughter traveled to Russia, where they toured the Hermitage, saw *Swan Lake* and the circus, and cruised the Volga River. The Shanahans spent the winter in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Dotty Booth Sanders sent a Christmas card that was a family picture complete with three family dogs. Dotty reads for both grandsons' school classes. She also continues her task of love by sending cards of cheer, hope, sympathy, and faith to persons known and unknown. Her husband, Dewey, completed five marathons last year!

Gretchen Hogaboom Fisher is an avid gardener. However, that previous Class Notes entry about her going to Mississippi for rebuilding of gardens was wrong. The trip got canceled.

Betsy Land Johnson spent much of January in Torremolimos, Spain, on the Costa del Sol, where she and her husband had been two years ago. This year they were joined by Betsy's sister and her husband, and Betsy's oldest daughter and her family. Betsy and her sister planned a trip to China to check out the preparations for the Olympics. In February, she and husband David celebrated their 50th anniversary.

Patricia Seitz Hartel of Wayne, Pa., left Mary Washington in 1953 to attend UNC-Chapel Hill and later married a Duke law graduate. She is an associate broker still active in real estate and her husband practices law.

Sally Watson Castle was in Florida for the winter. She and her sister, **Jane Rawlings '57**, went on a wonderful trip to Chile and Patagonia at Cape Horn.

Ann Turner Norris, a pre-nursing classmate, was at Mary Washington for only two years, but has fond memories of Willard and Virginia. She graduated from U.Va.

Nancy Shope Armbruster wrote of a September trip with Joe to Boulder, Colo. They attended the wedding of **Jackie Whitehurst Hertz**'s daughter, which was in gorgeous gardens in the foothills of the Boulder flatirons. Then, in November, Jackie and her husband came to Santa Fe for a long weekend. The gals enjoyed some Santa Fe attractions, while their husbands hunted elk. Elk burgers were enjoyed by all. The Armbruster's live in the El Castillo Retirement Apartments in downtown Santa Fe. Nancy is recovering from a long and difficult illness with sciatica and is now able to walk again without her walker. She hoped to increase her walking distance enough to be able to go to an Elderhostel in the Greek Islands in March.

Roberta "Bert" Linn Miller has been married for 48 years and has a daughter and a son. She taught home economics in Pensylvania, near Charleston, S.C., and in eastern Ohio, where she studied tole painting. Bert was among a group of 16 girls who started at Mary Washington in the summer of 1952, but who graduated with our class. Others included **Barbara Dean Smith** and **Anastasia "Buttons" Petro**, Bert's roommate at Trench Hill fall of 1952. Roberta *thinks* **Ann Strickler Doumas** was the youngest to graduate with our class, and that Roberta, at 19, was the second youngest.

Sally Hanger Moravitz and Fran took an Elderhostel trip to Chicago in July and later that month flew to Saratoga, N.Y., for Fran to see the races. Sally played on a hunch and won $117 on a $4 bet. Sally is a volunteer Smithsonian docent with the insect and butterfly exhibits.

> ***On a hunch, Sally Hanger Moravitz '55 played the races in Saratoga, N.Y., and won $117 on a $4 bet.***

Sue Bedell Albee delivered the sad news that **Betty Billingsley Hill** passed away on Nov. 7. She was visiting her granddaughter in Olympia, Wash., when she fell down the stairs at the condo, hit her head, and died. It was a shock for everyone.

Sue's Mary Washington roommate, **Judy Garrett Williams**, still lives in the same house in Charlottesville, and she is in garden club and Bible study groups.

Carol Cooper represented our class in the Founders Day Convocation program in March. **Mary-Margaret Papstein Carter** planned to accompany her. She sees **Anne "Miss" Hungerford McKinlay** and, while attending a wedding in Ohio, she visited **Barbara-Sue Smith Holdeman** and Bob.

Charlotte Fisher Klapproth and Chris took a trip to the San Diego area in February with stops at the San Diego Zoo, the Scripps Aquarium, Coronado, Torrey Pines, and Oceanside, a monastery built in the late 1700s . They planned a May flight to Prague followed by a river boat cruise on the Elbe River to Berlin, from which they would visit nearby towns to research Chris' grandfather's relatives.

A sad note from Charlotte is that **Anne Collins Hawes** passed away.

All's well in sunny California. It rumbles a bit, sprinkles a bit, and burns a lot, but what the heck – it's in the 70s for most of the winter. Take care until the next pleading on my part.

1956

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In January, my youngest son and his family returned to Washington after a four-year assignment in Germany with *The Wall Street Journal*. At Christmas, I visited my oldest son and family in Reno, Nev., where he is now publisher of the *Reno Gazette-Journal*, a Gannett newspaper.

Phyllis Block Brotman received a doctorate of humane letters and was commencement speaker at Towson University. She served on our endowment fund board for many years.

Lee Blank Richmond teaches counselor education at Loyola University's graduate school and is directing a grant that benefits first-generation college students. She is also a consultant and trainer for the U.S. Postal Service. She had chapters in two books published this year, one on Babe Didrikson and another on counseling European Americans.

Suzie Heap and Nick had a grand five-week trip to Argentina. Her daughters were evacuated during the California fires last year, but their homes were spared.

Judi Smith Hermanson splits her time between Point Loma in San Diego and a cabin in the mountains of Idyllwild. The fires missed her, but drought has made everything tinder-dry.

Hermine Gross Fox flew to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and visited with **Dee Grove McNelis** before boarding a cruise along the Panama Canal and returning to San Diego. In late spring, she cruised in the Mediterranean. In August, she took a river cruise down the Rhine and was in the eastern Caribbean on yet another trip when fires were raging in Orange County. It seems that all who reported in from California suffered smoke and ashes but no losses.

"Red" Rosanelli Metzger sold her house to her daughter and son-in-law, but lives in a nearby condo apartment. She took a cruise in the Baltic area from Copenhagen and visited Stockholm and St. Petersburg. She also made two trips to Florida.

Last spring, **Frieda Headley Byrd** attended the 50th reunion of her nursing class at U.Va. On the way, she spent a day with **Tatum Newbill Saunders** in Nelson County. She participates in water aerobics and her church choir. She and her extended family, five children and 11 grandchildren, get together each June at Hilton Head.

Marilyn Taylor Breckley and Bob celebrated their 51st anniversary last June with many fond memories of their Mary Washington courtship days. She has kept in touch with **Barbara Mead Heishman** and, until a few years ago, with **Jean Thurman Baker** in Gig Harbor, Wash.

June Tingler Buie met her nieces from Virginia in Las Vegas in October. She and her husband travel to Chicago to visit two of their sons and their families; a third son lives in Newport. They enjoy trips to the Palm Springs area and hope to see **Julie Smith Cooke** and Bob this year.

Sadly, **Dee Grove McNelis,** who had suffered from supraneural palsy, died on Oct. 15. She was interred at Arlington on Nov. 13. **Margie Schauer** and I attended.

Nanalou West Sauder, vice rector of the UMW Board of Visitors, is also on the investment committee and enjoys all the work involved for our alma mater. She took her family to England and Scotland for a two-week trip last June. She ran into **Betty Davies Morie** and Paul at a restaurant in Staunton and reports that **Ozzi Mask** directed her Potomac Harmony group in the Sweet Adelines International competition in Calgary last year. That certainly evokes some memories.

"Bee" Melillo Shanahan '55 wrote of the Aug. 3, 2007, passing of Edward Petraiuolo Jr., husband of our classmate **Catherine Pizzuti Petraiuolo.**

Suzanne Borke Grasberger and Tom took a trip to St. Augustine, Fla., with stops at the old coastal cities along the way and visits to the Kennedy Space Center and Sarasota. They spent a family beach week in June at Holden Beach, N.C. They enjoyed the races at Montpelier in the fall with **Bev Almond Tucker, Louise Hanselman Bowman,** their spouses, and their extended families – an event they have all enjoyed for years.

1957

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The classmates I contacted said they didn't have much newsworthy news – just the usual good times and visits with children and grandchildren.

Peg Preston Johnson took a trip to Alaska. **Libby Fordham, Foncie Lawrence Williamson, Jane Watson Rawlings**, and Jane's sister, also a Mary Washington graduate, joined 17 other classmates for a Mary Washington-sponsored trip to Chile and Argentina. Jane said it was excellent. She and **Bruce Ritchie Spain** planned to get together in Florida.

Vickie Majure Souder and husband Bill spent Christmas in London with daughter Betsy, son-in-law Jeff, and their four children. They then traveled to South Africa for a magical trip to Cape

Town and the Kruger National Park. Also, Vickie and Bill had a delightful lunch in Palm Beach with **Mary-Montague Hudson Sikes** and husband Olin. Montie is a very talented writer and artist. She's written three books and a coffee-table book.

Janet Ward Duevel and Paul have two daughters and three grandchildren. She sees **Anne Marlene Bost Braun** and **Lois Prime Liles**. **Libby Fordham** enjoys retirement, visiting her nephew in Fredericksburg, and taking yearly trips with Foncie.

Tom and I looked forward to a visit with **Betsy Jones Ware** and husband Latene, who were on their way to Sanibel, Fla., for spring break with their children and grandchildren.

I'd like to include more friends and more news, so please write! We're a vibrant group. In our next letter, let's share our secrets for staying young.

1958

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Elinor Runge Vitek and her husband sold their boat but continue to travel, and recently went to Tuscany, Italy. They also visit their daughter, Vicki, who lives in Steamboat Springs, Colo. Son Brant took over his father's orthopedic practice. Elinor has talked to **Betsy Smith LaFever** and **Ann Scott Koch** recently.

Martha Kimball Johnson of Fredericksburg, does various volunteer activities and serves on UMW committees. Daughter Arrington, a senior vice president risk management executive for the Bank of America, lives in Charlottesville with her husband and two children but spends time in London. Son Mason owns a design-build company in Richmond, where he lives with his wife and three children. After Peter died 10 years ago, Martha remarried. Her husband, Rick Johnson, is suffering from Alzheimer's and is at Westminster Canterbury in Richmond. Martha has three stepchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

Nancy Doner Salmon remembers music at Mary Washington, where she was a trumpet player in the band and the dance band. She will have been married to Fred for 50 years on Sept. 13. They have lived in Texas, Nebraska, and Wisconsin, and for the last 42 years, in Sparta, N.J.

Evelyn "Ebbie" Breeden McKnight planned to attend the reunion and recently spoke with **Barbara "Babs" Romoser Brock**, who also planned to be there.

Patricia Ellis Archer spent time caring for her mother, who had surgery for a compression fracture and later spent six weeks in a senior facility. Pat has been in touch with **Roberta Lawless Eylar** of San Diego, **Judith Martin Farris**, and **Peggy Kelley Reinburg**.

Patricia "Patti" Yearout Wharton took a semester off from Mary Washington and married an ensign she'd met at the U.S. Naval Academy during freshman year. The dean gave her permission to move back into the dorm, and she graduated on schedule with her class. In 2007, she celebrated their 50th anniversary and their 18th year of retirement, living on the coast of Maine. Their first grandchild graduated from high school in Anchorage, Ala. Two others will graduate soon, so they took all three on a 10-day rafting trip down the Colorado River and through the Grand Canyon, a trip they had taken with their sons in 1974. Though her mother died in 2006, Patti gets back to Virginia's Shenandoah Valley each spring.

Mary Townsend Rupe and husband are enjoying retirement and living in Williamsburg. She is working on her life master rank in bridge, which she learned to play during exam week at Mary Washington. She and her husband are busy with the Chickahominy Ruritan Club and the James City County Fair.

Jean Anderson Chapman is retired; she quilts and takes classes at the John C. Campbell Folk School. Her mother, 92, still leads an active life, playing duplicate bridge three to four times a week. Last year, when camping with her sister, she visited **Edith "Toots" Massie Warner** in Ann Arbor, Mich. **Lucy Geoghegan Cheshire** and husband Bill visited Jean recently.

Jean reported the sad news that **Beverly Cooke Lordi** lost her husband, William, in January. **Joyce Butler Allen** has traveled outside of the United States with her granddaughter.

Sally Boyce Sullivan has lived in Dallas for the past 47 years. She and her husband, Dean, planned to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in April. Sally enjoys going on cruises and family outings, participating in dance clubs, and playing bridge. Dean continues to work as a CPA for his own company. They enjoy their two children and two grandchildren.

Special thanks to **Anne Deporry McGrath** and **Kay Martin Britto** for their wonderful planning of our 50th Reunion. Anne got involved almost immediately after our last reunion, and both have worked to make sure it's a great event.

1959

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My daughter, Virginia, has a new job as administrative assistant in the office of the Fire Marshall for the City of Virginia Beach.

Marcia Phipps Ireland wrote that Gary has retired and house projects are keeping them busy.

Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman traveled to Nassau, Vero Beach, and Colorado, where husband Alan recovered from a hip replacement. Alan coaches a golf team that went to two tournaments in Carmel and to the NCAA finals in Williamsburg. Daughter Tammie is writing a textbook. Daughter Julie has three children: son Austin, a high school senior who ranks third in the state in cross country; daughter Francie, 15; and daughter Sarah, 10. Son Jeff's children, Smylie and Luckie, played 100 holes of golf to benefit "Kids Against Cancer." Pug keeps in contact with **Nancy Crosland Lehfeldt** and **Carol Daehler Leonard**, who was evacuated during the California fires; luckily her house escaped damage.

In retirement, Mo and **Julia Coates Littlefield** find the main blessings to be health and faith. Last year they traveled several times to Mo's home, Maine – once, sadly, for his mother's funeral. Julie's sister, Lucy, joined them on a visit to Williamsburg, and later at a cabin at Rangeley Lake. The Littlefields visited Augusta, Ga., to see son Scott, his wife, Susan, and kindergartener grandson Chris. Daughter Bess, husband Mike, and son Jack Edwards – a natural athlete, top scholar, and a freshman at Hanover High School – joined Julia for a round of golf in Lexington. Julia and Mo visited Fredericksburg and Gari Melchers Home and Studio, which is a part of UMW, is a national historic landmark, and is lovely!

> ***After 14 granddaughters, Gloria Winslow Borden '59 welcomed her first grandson, born in April to daughter Beth and her husband, Dan.***

Julia and **Eliza "Liz" Warren Harlow** had known each other since fourth grade in Lexington. Julia reports that Liz died last May from a recurrence of cancer. Liz had penned six classic books for children, she wrote articles for *The New York Times*, and she wrote short stories for children's magazines. She was president of the Consolidated Appraisal Company Inc. in New York City, where she worked in marketing, public relations, and as editor of the firm's newsletter. Liz and Dick had two daughters; Elizabeth lives in Scarsdale, N.Y., and Page lives in Arlington, Va.

Joan Whittemore Loock, who works for Coldwater Creek, and Jim, a consultant, celebrated Joni's 70th birthday in their timeshare in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They are studying Spanish for their return! In May, daughter Kristen and husband Chad, parents of older granddaughter Emily, gave the Loocks' their seventh grandchild. Son Curt is a captain for Southwest Airlines; he and wife Peggy visited for a week. Daughter Mandy works 24/7, but her restaurant in Virginia Beach is doing very well. Joni and Jim visited daughter Sarah and her three children in Madison, Wis., and traveled to Gulf Shores, Ala., Waynesville, N.C., and Jekyll Island, Ga. Joni says **Ann Rodabaugh Wright** is doing well after the last hip surgery.

Mary Massey and husband Jack Meiners enjoyed Elderhostel studies including naturalist studies week in Florida's Key West, Dry Tortugas, and Everglades and hiking vacations in New York's Finger Lakes and Oregon's Columbia Ridge. They visited Jack's family in Washington and attended a weeklong Appalachian Trail conference in New Jersey. Mary does volunteer work – including tutoring and reading at a nearby elementary school – and attends cultural performances.

Sarah "Sally" Warwick Rayburn and Jim belong to a sailing club and the Caloosa Winnies, a camping group of Winnebago owners. Son Steve has a new job; son Dick is a chef; daughter Ginny lives in Cape Coral with her three children. In May, the Rayburns took Ginny and the children to Busch Gardens in Tampa, to St. Augustine, and to Wilmington. Afterward, Jim and Sally continued to the West Coast and returned to Florida in August.

Jim and **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley** travel from coast to coast, meet at a resort or take a cruise, and have lots of fun. Their sons – Jay, Phillip, and David – and their families all are fine.

Anne Saunders Spilman planned to be at the 50th reunion. **Priscilla Brown Wardlaw**'s mother is 97! **Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs** and Archie were in Raleigh in March, Japan in April, Iowa in June, and Williamsburg in December. Charlotte and Archie plan to sell their antiques shop this year and, she said, all of their granddaughters are as brilliant as ever.

Despite a partial shoulder replacement in January, **Gloria Winslow Borden** traveled to Moscow and St. Petersburg, took a trip with daughters Caroline and Cynthia to Eperial, France, to visit her father's grave in the WWII cemetery, and cruised by riverboat on the Danube – and that is not to mention trips all around the U.S., including celebrating her 70th birthday camping at Lake Tahoe. She spent Thanksgiving with son Cliff and family in Redding, Calif. After 14 granddaughters, her first grandson was born in April to daughter Beth and husband Dan. Gloria's new home was to be ready for her in February.

Barbara Barndt Miller fractured her shoulder in February, and the recovery was hard and slow. Her pony, Rosie, has been champion in Pennsylvania for three consecutive years, and in the spring, Barbara planned to ride her cross country. She had a mini-reunion at the Upper Hill Horse Show in Virginia with several Mary Washington girls who rode with

Mr. Walther. She bikes on trails in Pennsylvania, Maryland, New York, and New Jersey. Her daughter, Ann, six Jack Russells, one fox hound, and three horses are all fine.

Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas and Speros are well. This is her last year of teaching! Gregory is still in Astoria, and Anastasia lives and works in New Jersey.

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle bought a new house in Temecula, Calif. In February, she and Tom went to Pismo Beach and toured wineries, and in May they went to Hawaii. In August, they went to Brussels, then took a two-week cruise along the Rhine. Children and grandchildren are thriving: Tiffany's daughter, Cynthia, will graduate from high school next spring; Thomas' children, Emma and Owen, are growing like weeds.

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn and Burt sent a great picture of daughter Mary Catherine and Mike's first-grade son, Mason, 7.

Marianne Carrano Raphaely and Russ are fine and are enjoying their grandchildren. Russ, still working, received an endowed academic chair from Children's Hospital for Critical Care Medicine. Their travels included Disney World with son Christopher's family, Chicago for the AMA annual meeting, Bermuda in August with the entire family, the Homestead in October, and Hawaii in November. Everyone was in Connecticut for Thanksgiving and New Jersey for Christmas.

Eleanor Markham Old's Arthur wrote that he attended Grandparents Day at St. Patrick's School for grandsons Parker and Taylor. Son Jim is consulting for Booz Allen Hamilton, and Beth is nursing at King's Daughter Hospital. Arthur continues to be on the substitute list at Lancaster County Career and Tech Center and is active in the Lancaster County chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of the Sons of the Revolution.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers took her annul skiing trip to Breckinridge, and then she was off to Las Vegas and the Netherlands. There, she spent a day cruising canals and waterways with Dutch friends on their antique boat. In March, Don had an aortic valve replacement and a triple bypass, and, Irene said, he is now a new person with a lot more energy. Irene was in Fort Lauderdale in August, and they went to Pittsburgh to spend Thanksgiving with family.

Barbara White Ellis has a barn full of happy horses, but Babs is the one mending fences because her husband, Allen, had knee replacement surgery. All went well, and he helps with general maintenance. Babs volunteers one day a week at the local vet, attends church altar guild, and is in the local dressage club.

Jane Tucker Broadbooks' husband, John, received a life achievement award in landscape architecture last November. He sold his firm but stayed on to work for fun. Son Jon Karl is the executive editor of the *State Journal Register* in Springfield, Ill. Kathy and children planned to leave Utica in March to join him. Jane talks to **JoNeal Hendricks Scully**, **Molly Bradshaw Clark**, **Susan Horan** of California, and **Mary Stump Harrell**, who lives 40 minutes away.

Geraldine Jenks Winston, my Mary Washington roommate for several years, passed away in January. She succumbed to progressive supranuclear palsy, PSP, a rare and incurable brain disorder that has symptoms of palsy and Alzheimer's. Through its slow, determined progression, her husband, Addison, was by her side. She left two sons and daughters-in-law and five grandchildren, and she spent many happy years in Roanoke.

By the time you read this, class volunteers will have met several times to plan our 50th reunion, beginning Thursday, May 28th, 2009. That evening, we will have an informal get-together at Renato's restaurant, as on our 45th. We will reserve a block of rooms and a hospitality room at the Hilton Garden Inn.Volunteers for our class are **Irene Piscopo Rodgers**, **Dodie Reeder Hruby**, **Kay Rowe Hayes**, **Emily Babb Carpenter**, **Marianne Carrano Raphaely**, **Jane Howard Buchanan**, **Edith Sheppard Ott**, and me. We welcome additional help!

Our participation in reunions has always been above average. If you have never been before, this is the time. We don't care if your hair is white or you've gained 40 pounds, we just want to see you. Plan to be there longer than just Saturday, and please consider your monetary gift. For the 50th we should strive to meet a goal that sets us apart. You will hear more as plans are made. When your reservation card arrives next year, set that weekend aside.

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Jody Close is ecstatic that her Marine son is home from his tour of duty in Iraq. She is in the throes of a campaign to raise funds to build a new community library in Clermont, Fla., where she is president of the Friends of the Library. She also is beginning to work on ideas for our 50th reunion and is looking for committee members. Don't be bashful – join her. As of March, she was looking forward to a 10-day fall tour of Ireland.

Karen Nelson and husband Darrell had a full winter season of choreographed ballroom round dancing. They spent April and May getting organized at home, and by Memorial Day, relocated themselves and their two kitties to their trailer in Show Low, Ariz., three hours away, where it's cooler and where they are involved in all the activities their summer resort provides.

Betty Ditmars Prosser, in her 23rd year with Mary Kay Cosmetics, reports all is well in the Prosser household. In February, she was hospitalized for a "hip revision" and therapy; her artificial hip misbehaved and needed readjusting, but she is now home and doing fine. The Prossers' daughter and her family live in Watertown, N.Y., so they see them and their 6-year-old twin grandsons frequently. They miss visits with their son, a Buddhist Tendai priest as well as a businessman who lives in Los Angeles; he wrote a book about his attendance at the Tendai seminary in Kyoto, Japan.

Mamie Sue Howlett Scott has retired twice from challenging careers – once from 11 years of teaching elementary school, and again from 22 years as a critical care nurse. She has worked with her local theater group and says she has fond memories of the Mary Washington Players. She has two grown children, whom she visits often.

The artwork of Gray Schaefer Dodson '60 was juried and selected for inclusion in the UMW Centennial Exhibition, which was displayed March through June in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery.

Gaye Roberts Olsen has advanced osteoarthritis in her knees and cannot have surgery, so a purple walker with a seat is her new "friend" and mode of transportation. Gaye went to Texas twice last year to visit her mother, who is in a care facility and doing well. Gaye has lived in Boise, Idaho, for 32 years – 16 years married, 16 single. Gaye arranged a successful estate sale and put her mother's home on the market from long distance – no small feat! Last Christmas, she took a riverboat cruise on the Columbia River and enjoyed a jet boat ride through Hell's Canyon.

From their new home in Atlanta, **Patty Garvin Dyke** and husband John traveled to Mount Joy, Pa., Charles Town, W.Va., and Niceville, Fla., to celebrate 100-year birthdays and a 65th wedding anniversary with older family members. She says that thinking of our upcoming 50th reunion brings back lots of memories.

Christmas found **Janet Hook Foley** at her son's home in Leesburg, Fla., with her three great-grandchildren. She still writes for the local paper, but has considered retiring.

Gray Schaefer Dodson is happy to report that her art work was juried and selected for inclusion in the UMW Centennial Exhibition, which was displayed March through June in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery next to Seacobeck Hall. She also had a solo show in Williamsburg in April and May. We hope to have some of her paintings on display at our 50th reunion in 2010.

Sue Smyth Lam lives in Winchester, Va., where she and husband Larry had moved to be near her 94-year-old mother. Sadly, Larry passed away in December from pancreatic cancer. They had been married for 10 years and enjoyed many fun times and trips together. Between them, they have five children and 11 grandchildren.

Golfing in Florida last winter was great for **Nancy Carruthers Meeker**. She and her husband attended a championship tournament; they play bridge and are taking lessons to "sharpen their knowledge of the new conventions."

Cyd Day Getchell and **Mary Martin '62** have teamed up as co-directors of Lakota Educational Initiatives, Cyd's nonprofit foundation to benefit the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota, where poverty and illiteracy are rampant among the Lakota Sioux. Cyd has designed a T-shirt and has taken her first shot at designing a website.

Elaine Venn Smith's husband died suddenly six years ago, but she continues to enjoy life in the home they built at Wintergreen Resort in Nellysford, Va. She visits her son in Florida in the winter and enjoys frequent visits with another son, a daughter, and four grandchildren who live nearby. The U.Va. School of Nursing is working on its 50th reunion, she said, but in the meantime the group is enjoying small gatherings. At least 10 of them were planning an April trip to the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Elaine is still trying to locate **Pat Durlin Parks** and **Beth Deem Perico**.

Nancy Moncure Deiss and Bill still enjoy going to work every day. They planned a trip to the Cotswolds in the spring and also enjoy tightly-scheduled trips to Virginia and North Carolina to visit children and grandchildren, who are busy with organized sports. In the summer, they will return to the Caribbean to swim, snorkel, and "catch up on piles of reading."

Last winter, **Jan Latven Allnutt**, husband Bob, and 10 friends got a license from the government and traveled to Havana to dispense over-the-counter medications at various synagogues and churches. Jan jokes that their biggest success was getting Fidel Castro to resign. On their way home from Florida in March, **Emy Steinberg Hyans** and her husband spent a week with the Allnutts.

Joyce Jefferies Kendall's husband is writing a book based on letters that his great-great-grandfather wrote during the Civil War. Joyce has been his research assistant, and they have been traveling to different places connected with the war.

Mid-March found **Betsy Hopkins Hays** and Rusty at an Orlando church conference and then in Greenville, S.C., for visits with doctors and friends. In April, they planned to visit **Jude Ross**

Proctor and her husband in Virginia. ude and **Judy Saunders Wicks** were in Betsy's wedding 48 years ago, and Betsy eports that Judy Wicks has not been in ood physical health for quite a while. rom Virginia, the Hayses traveled to ondon for their semi-annual visit with heir daughter and four grandkids.

Patty Morgan Connolly reports hat she met with **Evalyn McCarty Boyd** at a horse show last summer. atty, Evalyn, and **Lurton Ott Scott** vere roomies freshman year. Patty's big ews is that she has decided to retire so he can travel, sleep late, ride her horses n the daylight, visit her two children nore frequently, play more tennis, mprove her golf, and visit her brother n North Carolina.

After graduation, **Gail Pickard Bonifay** taught school in San Diego for hree years and then married Buck. They pent 30 years in the military and raised wo sons, who are married and have iven them three grandchildren, who he says are her reward for not killing or isowning her teenage sons. For many ears she belonged to, and then was resident of, the Society of Decorative ainters. She was also the founding resident of the decorative arts museum. Now, she and Buck enjoy their home n Norman, Okla., sports and cultural vents, and traveling and visiting family nd friends across the nation.

Liz Hill Heaney no longer skis, but he enjoys accompanying her husband, former ski instructor and Foreign ervice Officer, on family ski trips. She njoys dog sledding and visiting with amily members who aren't skiing. They oped to go back to Banff, Canada, t the end of March to renew old nemories of when hey lived there 32 ears ago.

Neva Wilkinson Dyer surfaced in Clearwater, Fla. After graduation, he taught school in New Hampshire and Connecticut, lived n Richmond for a ew years, and then noved to Clearwater, where she and her husband raised heir three boys. She worked with the Boy Scouts for 17 ears, and two-and-a-half years ago, she etired from 15 years with a childcare gency. Neva recently got in touch with **Audrey Maull Tuttle,** whose husband lied of cancer 15 years ago. Audrey has hree children and nine grandchildren, oves to travel with family and friends, nd planned to travel to Spain this year.

Jude Wandell Potter and John njoy cultural events in San Francisco nd spend a lot of time with their eight grandchildren, ages 3 to 23, and one great-grandchild, 2. They enjoy their flights of adventure" throughout the United States and Mexico in John's plane, but Jude also enjoys her quiet imes at home. September will find them in Annapolis for John's 50th reunion at the Naval Academy.

Since her husband passed away six years ago, **Barbara Wageneck Gardner** spends a lot of time with her two married children and four grandchildren. At home she keeps busy doing volunteer work at the nearby hospital and with Hospice House. For two years, she volunteered on Mercy Ships and in health outreach projects to villages in Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

Natalie Robins Lehman-Haupt has finished her 10th book – *The Writing on the Door* – which she describes as a "very strange memoir." Her daughter is working on her second book, this one about women delaying having children until their 30s so they can build a career. Natalie's husband teaches a journalism course at Columbia University. Their son is in the custom "dream-car" business in Florida.

Suzanne Smith Goodrick saw both of her parents pass away this past year, and she is still involved with getting their home ready to sell and their business affairs in order. Last summer, she took a railroad trip through the Canadian Rockies and experienced the beauty of Butchart Gardens in Vancouver. She spent Thanksgiving in the Phoenix area with her daughter, took an ATV ride through the foothills of the Superstition Mountains, and visited a friend in Sun City West. Christmas found her in snowy cold Chicago with her son and his family. Now, she is looking forward to working in the garden at her home in North Carolina.

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Miriam Goebel Rappolt was excited about the "baby luau" she had at her home in March. It is a Hawaiian tradition for the grandparents to stage this event for the grandchild's first birthday. She babysits with her grandchildren frequently, as her daughter and son-in-law travel to neighboring islands several times a week with their jobs. She is involved with the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and is trying to discipline herself to work on another collection of stories. She swims, does water aerobics, and is involved with a group that has been studying Italian for several years. She and her husband want to return to Italy and France to renew old friendships. In May, they planned to go with friends to Tahiti, rent a 44-foot boat, and cruise Tahiti and surrounding islands.

Betty Bruce Shepard's new book, *Virginia, an Alphabetical Journey through History*, was published on Dec. 1, 2007, and we have heard great things about it. It is designed for elementary school kids but is good reading for everyone, and Betty hopes it will be used in Virginia schools.

Asheville, N.C., is now home for **Jane Echols**, who moved there with Neil last year. By now, they should be out from under their other house, unpacked, and organized.

The big news from **Glenn Geddings Sumner** and Mark is that their son, Reese, his wife, and two of their grandchildren now live in Beijing. Andrea, who works for the Olympics, is putting together five of the venues, and Reese is commuting between China and Duke University. Their other son has three girls and lives near them; her daughter lives in Louisiana with her husband and three children. All together, Glenn and Mark have nine grandchildren. Mark had a hip replacement two years ago and is doing very well. He writes some and has retired as director of the Institute of Outdoor Drama. Glenn still owns a real estate company.

Sandy Poole says it's just "Molly [the dog], the church, and me." She takes short trips to visit family and friends and loves the visits, but she considers being on the pastoral team at her church her biggest joy, so she hurries home for Sundays.

Wish I could include some of **Diane Hays Neuman**'s reminisces about college life, but space doesn't allow. She compares her life since graduation to a patchwork quilt – she was a "spy" for six years, worked as a retail assistant buyer at a department store in San Francisco for six years, ran her own yoga studio for 11 years, has been a writer and artist forever, worked as a public radio music librarian, and served as assistant producer for several of husband Jerome's programs on public radio in San Francisco. He still works full time, and they recently bought their first home, having lived in rentals for years.

Betsy Watts Haskell spent Christmas in Texas with her son and family; in February, she planned to take a missionary trip with her church to Costa Rica.

Ellie Chilton's health took a real downturn lately, and she is considering moving into assisted living. She is troubled by emphysema, asthma, and allergies, and she must be on oxygen, thus limiting mobility, but she is still hanging in there. After several career shifts, Ellie found her niche in elementary education and, after retirement from the school system, in tutoring. She really loved it, and her enthusiasm is clear as she speaks of it. The warm and loving appreciation from former students has been a real reward for her.

The recreational activities in their new community in Pennsylvania keep **Wilhelmina Burton Calhoun** and Jim well occupied. They also travel and visit family and friends.

Sandy Holt Kellerman and Otto, her second husband, retired to Hot Springs Village, Ark., about four years ago. Otto has some medical problems but, at last report, was doing much better. Sandy married for the first time after her junior year but divorced 23 years later. She had received her master of education degree and continued to live and teach elementary school in Colorado Springs for more than 30 years. She has two children and three grandchildren, and she loves visiting with them.

Jeanette Meyer Juren and her husband have been retired for several years and love it. They travel to Eastern Europe, China, and Italy. Last fall, they went to Sicily and found the trip especially interesting since they were taking a class on ancient art history at the time. They planned a London and Paris trip this April. They frequently get to see their two daughters and three grandchildren who live near them in Norfolk.

Nancy Cleave Blades recently phoned former suitemate **Katherine "Kitty" Shiver Strickland** and reports that they had a great time catching up. Thanks to Nancy, Kitty is back in touch with her roommate, as well, and the four suitemates are planning a get-together soon. Sadly, Kitty's husband passed away in 2007.

Penny Engle Burkhardt had a wonderful conversation recently with long-lost classmate and buddy **Edna Weiss Clemans**, who lives in Bowling Green, Ohio. Edna's husband retired from full-time university teaching 10 years ago but continued to teach summer classes through last year. They enjoy going to the Stratford Ontario Shakespeare Festival and hiking around Mountain Lake, Va.

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From Connie: New grandchildren seem to be big news for several of us – **Clara Sue Durden Ashley**'s 12th grandchild, a boy, was born in October to son Dennis, bringing their total to

eight boys and four girls. Her youngest son, Andrew, a West Point graduate, was recalled to active duty in the Army and was to go to Afghanistan. Clara Sue attended her 50th high school reunion in Columbia, S.C., and according to husband Clarence, saw too many of her old boyfriends!

Janie Riles' daughter , Marguerite, who lives in San Diego, had a second boy, Oscar, in January. For Christmas, Janie gave herself a piano; I am sure many of you remember her playing in Seacobeck after weekend dinners while we stood around and sang. She enjoys that now with her grandsons.

Bev Carlson Shea sent a picture of herself and her new granddaughter, Kate, visiting Santa. She was interested in our trip to Alaska as she had spent a summer there in high school.

Jean Ryan Farrell and Frank live in Atlanta, where their oldest son, Frank, also lives with his family. Two sons live in Europe, so Jean and Frank had fun visiting grandchildren abroad. Bobby and family, with three children, have been in Oslo but will move to Singapore this year, where he will build a factory for manufacturing solar panels. Son David, along with Patty and the Farrells' youngest grandchild, live in Zurich. Jean and Frank's other planned travels included Egypt, the Holy Land, Utah for skiing, and Cayman Islands for diving, and probably Singapore later!

Dee Doran Cairns and husband Doug, both retired, enjoy their freedom to go and do as they please. They hoped to return to Naples, Italy, in the spring to see their son, Rob, who lives there with his family.

A trip to France is in the wind for **Sarah Leigh Kinberg** and Tom, whose daughter Sarah Leigh and her husband, Andreas, have bought a manor house there. Other travels found them in Yosemite; Las Vegas, where Sarah managed to spend a week without gambling; Point Reyes, Calif., for their 45th wedding anniversary; Alaska; Norfolk; and North Carolina. Sarah also traveled to Virginia for her 50th high school reunion (or preschool – she wasn't sure which), and she and Tom went to his mother's 99th birthday celebration! Sarah said she was a wonderful person, who was not just her mother-in-law but also her mom! She passed away in November. In October, Sarah had her year follow-up on the gamma knife radiation she had to treat her brain tumors, which have shrunk some as a result. In her most humorous style, she writes, "unfortunately the brain shrunk 50 percent" and "Californians are still celebrating having me off the highway."

Ellen Gotwalt Willing and Bill have spent a couple of winter months in Naples, Fla., in recent years and enjoy the many new friendships they have made. Travels to Europe are also still a favorite, and last September they went to Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and the Czech Republic on a six-day cruise on the Danube. In April, they were to go on another Grand Circle cruise to Sicily. Ellen often visits her grandson in Vienna, Va., and when she's at home in York, Pa., she is an active volunteer with their church, the York Symphony, and other groups.

Another inveterate traveler is **Eleanor Knight Jensen** and husband Cliff, who have spent the past several winters in New Zealand, with additional travels last year to Fiji, France, The Netherlands, Germany, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Turkey, Greece, and St. Barts in the Caribbean. They spend summers at home in New Fairfield, Conn., where they enjoy their flower gardens and boating on Candlewood Lake. Cliff's photographs are exceptional and are regularly featured in the local newspaper.

Carolyn Crum Pannu hoped to travel more this spring. She is registrar at her sister's Jazzercise class, which she attends twice a week, and she walks with a friend. Her grandson, who will turn 4, lives in Dallas and visited Carolyn in November.

Andy and I made several trips to visit our new grandson, Leo, in Wilmington, N.C., including a six-week stay, from Christmas through January. Our daughter and her husband have started a new business, selling green building supplies, and we helped with babysitting. I got together there with **Mary Hatcher**, and we had fun catching up. **Barbie Upson Welch** is still working on getting her pilot's license; we see each other at the Smart Talk Lecture series here. Her daughter, Meg, has three boys, and her son, Bob, has one son and a daughter on the way.

From Renee: Hope all of you survived the winter well. I had a wonderful time at my 50th high school reunion in Washington, D.C.; I loved visiting old friends, but it's sad to no longer have family there.

I found a cute dog, a bichon frise mix, wandering the streets of Santa Monica just after Christmas, and took him to the local shelter. After five days, nobody had claimed him, and I got him! My 3-year-old golden retriever mix loves the new one, and they play happily together.

Lynn McCarthy spent 16 months in an assisted living facility but has quite happily jumped back into her life again. A gardener *extraordinaire*, she has grown a ton of tomatoes, which she shared with the residents of her assisted living facility, who began to refer to her as "The Tomato Lady."

Marg Gilfoyle Powell hosted a small group of her Maury High School classmates, including **Sarah Leigh Kinberg** and **Anna Burton Hathaway**. **Betsy Ottley Taggart** lives in Cheyenne where she remains a dedicated musician, plays in a trio, and is music director at her church.

For the past seven years, **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** had made bimonthly travels to Jacksonville, Fla., to see and tend to her mother, who died at 92 in December. "What a lucky gal I was to have such a sweet mom: Margaret Wilson Howard," she said. Now, Peggy is focusing on plans for the future. She is upgrading her lovely old home.

Sylvia McJilton Woodcock and Stuart went on a great trip to New Zealand and Australia with Stuart's VMI roommate and his wife. Stuart is doing quite well after total knee-replacement surgery in December.

Mary Martin '62, who was in our class but left for a year and returned to graduate later, and **Cynthia "Cyd" Day Getchell '60** are working on an educational project for the Lakota tribe. Mary loves reading about her classmates. She extended her sadness at the news of the passing of **Vaughn Hargroves Scott**.

Marcia Minton Keech and Bill have fallen in love with Savannah and their new home. Being so far from their kids and grandkids has taken some adjusting, but the folks in Savannah seem to have welcomed them warmly, and the family all came down for Christmas. Marcia and Bill return to Northern Virginia from time to time to keep up with their business, The Keech Co., which is now run by their son.

Marilyn Messier Whitmore had a bout with breast cancer last May. Thankfully, it was caught early, and she is doing well. Marilyn and Bill both turn 70 this year and are planning a cruise to the Mexican Riviera during Thanksgiving to celebrate. Bill still works daily, and Marilyn works with him two days a week and continues to be a docent at the Ronald Reagan Library. They try to get to their home in Las Vegas, which they've owned since 1991, at least five days a month. Marilyn is in touch with **Judy LaRoe Hare**, who lives in Georgia, sounds as young as ever, and is still working.

Carol Linea Johnson, the daughter-in-law of our beloved late classmate, **Ann Hopkins Burroughs**, is starring in *Mamma Mia – Las Vegas*, which has the honor of being the longest running Broadway show in Las Vegas history. She and castmate husband Don Burroughs have recently purchased a home there. Ann's widower, Dick, is doing well in North Carolina near daughter Darcy. He, **Lynne Williams Neave** and Sandy, Art and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom**, and **Carolyn Crum Pannu** met in Las Vegas in August to see Carol and Don in *Mamma Mia*.

Sara Prosterman Brown still works 50 hours a week and still loves recruiting healthcare executives. She also has lived in the same place for 34 years. They have seven grandchildren, and Sara is laboring to complete a quilt for each one as high school graduation gifts to take to college. The first one graduates next year.

From Lynne: Greetings! As I write, I have escaped the brutal winter in New York and am enjoying some golf and beach in sunny Florida. Sandy and I

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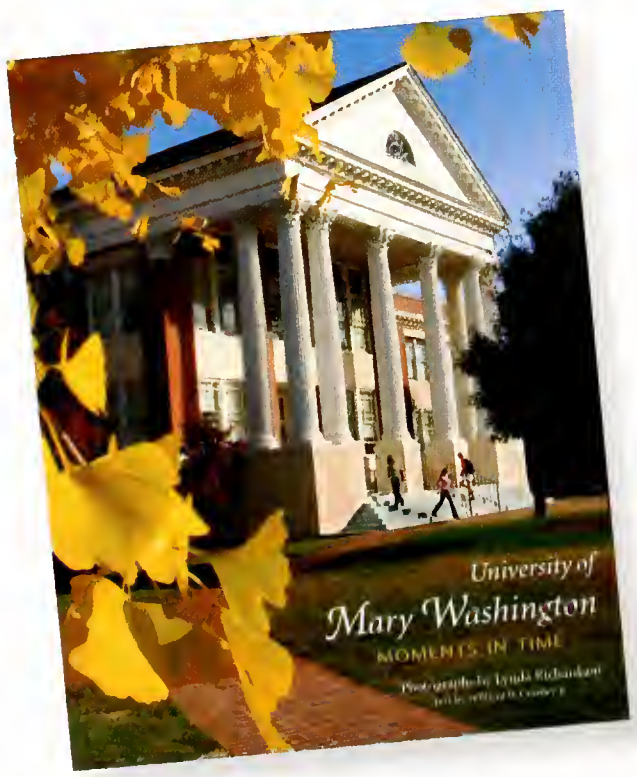

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planned to visit Art and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** in Richmond and to attend UMW's Centennial Celebration in Fredericksburg with them in March.

Lloyd and Art had a wonderful time in Russia in September, visiting St. Pete, the Neva River, and Moscow. In December, a mammogram revealed that Lloyd had a malignancy, which resulted in a bilateral mastectomy. Fortunately, she needed neither radiation nor chemo, is doing really well, and has a refreshingly positive attitude. She is so lucky to have Art and so many supportive friends and family members. She and Art planned to ski in Vail in April. We send deeply felt wishes for her continued progress.

Patty Cairns Hourin and Lynn planned a "mini" reunion at Patty's condo in Gulf Shores, Ala., in late April with a high school friend whom they haven't seen in 50 years. Patty's sons' business, Shamrock Waste Haulers, continues the job of cleaning up after Katrina.

Another "star" classmate, **Aggie Welsh Eyster**, whose artwork is incredibly wonderful and accomplished, has her latest exhibit in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Eleanore Saunders Sunderland and sister **Judy Saunders Slifer** continue to take marvelous trips abroad. In April, they planned to go to Switzerland to join a Rhine River cruise ending in Belgium. In June, Eleanore and **Linda Taylor Drustrup** planned to go to China, starting in Shanghai, with a river cruise on the Yangtze, then on to Guilin, and Hong Kong with a side trip to Macau. And last, but not least, Eleanore may travel to Milan in September to visit her daughter and welcome her sixth grandchild.

Margaret Spell Robertson's Christmas letter told of renovation of their beach duplex in North Carolina and their home in Florida, which they named the Yellow Palace. She and Jim enjoy their children, grandchildren, and his retirement from his dental practice.

Marcy Trembath Pitkin seems quite happy to stay warm in Florida during the winter and enjoy her cottage at Lake Carey, Pa., during the summer.

In closing, I am concerned that I do not have email addresses for many classmates; each time I send out requests for information, many are returned. Please, provide us with updated addresses if you did not receive a request for information this time. The next deadline is July 15.

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I was glad to receive news and "catch up" letters from several classmates.

Mary Martin wrote that after graduation she taught school for five years in China Lake, Calif., then took a job in Washington, D.C. Mary missed the students and decided to teach high school English in Montgomery County, Md., where she remained for 36 years. She received a master's degree from George Mason University and began teaching with the International Baccalaureate program. Ten years ago, she bought land on a mountain top in Franklin, W.Va., about 45 miles west of Harrisonburg, Va. She lives there now and enjoys being close to nature.

> ***Natalie Robins Lehman-Haupt '60 has finished her 10th book – The Writing on the Door – which she describes as a "very strange memoir."***

Since retirement, Mary has worked with **Cynthia "Cyd" Day Getchell '60**, who started a nonprofit foundation to benefit the Pine Ridge and Rosebud Indian reservations in South Dakota. As co-director and educational coordinator, Mary is working on granting scholarships and gathering supplies for students and schools on these reservations.

Steva Jenna Kellenberger and husband Bill live in Pensacola, Fla., and have two sons, a daughter, and six grandchildren. Bill was career Army, worked with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection after retirement, and now does private consulting. Steva meets once a month with **Mary Ann Gunn Burdge**, who lives close by in Niceville, Fla. Mary Ann and her retired-engineer husband have two sons, one of whom lives in Niceville, so the Burdges have grandchildren in close proximity. Their other son lives in Maui, Hawaii.

Betsy Carper Cole and her husband went to California to see their grandsons in January and traveled to Australia and New Zealand in February. They spent Thanksgiving with younger son Carper and his new bride, Heather, in Pawley's Island, S.C.

Louise Dunn Fuqua received a Christmas card from **Sheila Cooper Hanna**. Sheila and husband Fergus lived in New York for many years and decided to move to Northern Ireland.

Condolences to **Kathleen Sprenkle Lisagor**, whose husband, Barry, lost his 13-year battle with cancer in November. **Joyce Wilborn Lacy** wrote that, in February 2007, Kathleen and Barry spent a 10-day getaway with Joyce and husband Lou in Hilton Head, S.C. Joyce related that the Virginia General Assembly made a special presentation to Kathleen in honor of Barry's significant contributions to the Commonwealth of Virginia and to the nation. Joyce, Lou, and **Peggy Gerber** (Kathleen's freshman year roommate) and her husband attended the ceremony along with Kathleen's family and Barry's NASA associates.

Ann Tench Huml went on an Alaskan adventure with her husband and two sisters last June. They took a train north from Anchorage to Denali National Park and saw moose, elk, and a mother grizzly bear with two cubs. Also, they saw Mt. McKinley and took an inside-passage cruise, visiting Juneau and several smaller towns.

Ann, thank you for being our Class Agent for so many years. We appreciate your diligence, class spirit, and most of all, your friendship. And, to the rest, I would love to hear from you. Just drop me a short email to let classmates know how and what you are doing.

1963

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I'm writing to introduce myself as the new Class Agent for 1963. I hope to hear from more of you next time, as it's a great satisfaction and pleasure to catch up with old friends.

After retiring in 1998 from a challenging and interesting career in the Foreign Service, I earned a master's certificate in landscape design from Radcliffe/Harvard. Although I don't have much time to do garden designing since I still do consulting work for the government, I do enjoy gardening and visiting exotic gardens. I have just returned from a fabulous tour of Southeast Asian gardens in Vietnam and Singapore, followed by three days of sightseeing at the temples of Angkor in Cambodia. My four children and five – soon to be six – granddaughters got the postcards and T-shirts.

Mary Russell, **Alice Eckenrode Alkire**, and I get together every few months to graze the wide variety of restaurants in Bethesda, Md. Mary retired in 1998 from a career in early childhood special education and now spends her time traveling and visiting with former UMW classmates. Alice still works full time in the Loudon County, Va., judicial system and plans to keep at it for a while longer. The three of us also get together every few years for a "girlfriends' long weekend" with **Cindy Whitaker Finnelly** and **Sally Sutherland**. Cindy is retired and lives in North Carolina, where she enjoys her four grandchildren. Sally retired from teaching and lives just outside Richmond in a beautiful log house. She enjoys training and driving horses, and she has a thriving pet-sitting service.

I have also heard from two other former classmates, **Jane Bateman** and **Celie Boykin Bryan**, whom many of you may remember. Jane works full time as a consultant dietician at four Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers in Houston; she enjoys it but wishes she had more time to travel and visit friends. Celie lives in Dyer, Ind., 20 miles south of Chicago. Her husband, Tom (VMI '63), died of esophageal cancer in December 2003. They have three sons and five grandchildren.

Please write or email me with any news or information to share with classmates in the next issue. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

1964

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Anne Liady Lynch has retired but continues with many projects, including serving as chair of the Maricopa County (Ariz.) Parks and Recreation Commission. The Maricopa parks system is the largest regional park system in the nation. Anne's husband, Bob, labors on as an attorney in the areas of water and electricity. Their oldest daughter, Betsy, married last September and is expecting the Lynches' first grandchild in October 2008. Middle daughter Caroline, of Alexandria, Va., is now Chief Republican Counsel to the Crime Subcommittee of the U.S. House Judiciary Committee. Youngest daughter Stephanie, who has been an athletic trainer at American University in Washington, D. C., plans this summer to begin a doctorate program in physical therapy.

Carolyn Riley Beaver and husband Bob have lived in Stafford, Va., for 28 years. Carolyn recently retired after more than 40 years teaching art, computer graphics, and multimedia. She's returning to creating her own art work; one of her computer-generated collages was in the recent exhibit of artwork by UMW alumni, and another piece was accepted in a show at the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts. Bob, who retired in 2001, built a car while waiting for Carolyn to retire! Daughter Anna and her family live in Kilmarnock, Va., and have one daughter. Carolyn and Bob have five granddaughters, ranging in age from 10 to 23.

Patti Jones Schacht enjoyed a recent tour of the Seattle area, the Oregon coast, and the Canadian Rockies. She keeps moving by visiting 13 grandchildren who live all over the country.

Victoria Taylor Allen lives in northern Westchester County, N.Y., and works in the development office of the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Greenwich, Conn., where she also serves as a member of their alumnae board. Vicky lectures on literature and art history to an adult education group at Manhattanville College. Her summer

plans include a stay at the Jersey shore with longtime friends.

Leslie Pack **Hertzler** and Gerry live in Edmond, Okla., a suburb of Oklahoma City. Leslie is retired from technical editing and travels often to Charlottesville, where both of their daughters and their four grandchildren live. Leslie is in touch with **Lynne Shaw deVries**, her freshman- and sophomore-year roommate, who left after our second year, and **Helen Ritchie Donnelly**, her junior-year roommate.

Beth Felton Jarrard retired from the County of Henrico in Richmond, Va., on March 31, and planned to move to Durham, N.C. She has two daughters, one granddaughter, and three grandsons. The older daughter and her family live in Durham, and the younger daughter and her family live in Hamden, Conn.

Christine Scheuring Kapfer became a microbiologist after graduation, published several research articles, and later worked as a consumer safety officer for the FDA, traveling to various countries to inspect pharmaceutical companies. She has a daughter who lives in Virginia, another who lives in Idaho, and seven grandchildren. She and her husband have retired to a town about 15 miles from Myrtle Beach. They live near a pond and get to watch ducks and geese. Christine co-edits their community newsletter, and their rambunctious husky-mix dog keeps them busy. Christine keeps in touch with **Kathy Farrell Rubach**, who retired from teaching school in Virginia and has recently moved to Pennsylvania with her husband.

After major renovation and construction, **Betsy Stanley Klein** finally moved into the house she grew up in. Betsy became a nationally accredited flower show judge in October. Studying for the exam and moving kept her busy.

Peggy Mitchell Bliss met **Jane Totty Collier** for a crab dinner in Baltimore. Three of her grandchildren are there, so she makes the drive down several times a year. Seeing Jane motivated Peggy to look for **Ellen Leartherbury McWhorter**, and when she called her, it was like no time had elapsed. Peggy can't sit still in retirement and is working on an advanced master-gardener certification at the University of Connecticut, is the publicity co-chair for the 2008 Farmington House and Garden Tour, and researches genealogy – digging up dirt on her deceased DAR and Mayflower relatives.

Betty Jennings Peterson and Mel celebrated their 40th anniversary with a trip to Teton National Park and a tour of art in the mountains. They viewed paintings and sculpture at artists' and collectors' homes and at Teton galleries and museums.

1965

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Last year was a great one for my family. My son, Frank, was named to the Blue Angels team and will serve as the narrator this year. I plan to go to lots of the 35 sites he visits for air shows each year so I can see him in action and

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With a long-running syndicated column that appears in 70 newspapers across the country, Susan Orebaugh Nicholson '64 has made her mark as a menu planner.

MARY WASHINGTON WHETTED MENU PLANNER'S APPETITE FOR SUCCESS

She studied home economics, worked in a hospital, and found her niche in the culinary arts. Based on those credentials, it would be easy to assume that **Susan Orebaugh Nicholson '64** has traveled a route familiar to women of her generation.

That assumption would be wrong.

Nicholson has bucked tradition all her life, leaving her small town of New Market, Va., to attend Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg without even seeing the campus in advance. She later became the first female pharmaceutical company representative with Mead Johnson and married Gordon "Nick" Nicholson, who would become her "trailing spouse" – a role typically reserved for wives rather than husbands. She owned a business when most women were at home managing a household, and she now writes a syndicated column published in 70 newspapers across the country.

Clearly, Nicholson embraces adventure, including her transformative move to Mary Washington. "I was so glad to get away from home!" she said. "I was thrilled to be in college."

Because she minored in foods and nutrition, she was required to take many science courses, which she credits for having helped her break gender barriers time and again. After college, she did an internship and worked five years as a dietitian in a Veterans Affairs hospital in Houston before landing her groundbreaking job with Mead Johnson.

"I'd show up at doctors' offices, and the receptionist would call the doctor," Nicholson explained. "They'd whisper into the phone, 'It's a woooo-man!'"

Sales meetings were tricky, too, since the company typically planned "day trips for the wives." Her husband was a good sport, though, and found plenty to do while she participated in meetings with hundreds of men. Nicholson remembers struggling to find business suits for women and accoutrements while traveling.

By the early-1980s, she had moved to Atlanta to work with the Marriott Corp.; husband Nick trailed along with her. A few years later, she opened a microwave retail store and soon started holding classes in healthy meal preparation using this relatively new device.

She eventually landed on CNN, showing a national audience how to cook using the microwave. The following week, an agent called and asked her to write a book about the subject. Good thing, apparently, that one of her favorite classes at Mary Washington was Donald E. Glover's sophomore English, where she got plenty of writing practice. She took the offer and wrote *Save Your Heart With Susan: Six Easy Steps to Cooking Delicious Healthy Meals in a Microwave.*

"They sent me money. I spent it. I wrote that book," she said.

In 1995, Nicholson started writing her column, the "7-Day Menu Planner," for *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.* It was syndicated a few years later. In 2004, she added another culinary column to her plate, "Double-Duty Dinners."

These days, she writes from her home near downtown Atlanta and spends plenty of time in grocery stores, testing recipes, and exercising.

In many ways, Nicholson still follows the unconventional route. Take travel, for instance. She and Nick, married now for 38 years, visit exotic locales such as Buenos Aires, Barcelona, and Florence, where they try to speak the language and shop, cook, and live like the locals rather than joining tours.

"We're not beach-vacation goers," she said. "I like to move around."

– Melissa Haller

spend time with my granddaughter. My daughter, Ashley, was married in October at a beautiful wine estate in Sebastopol, Calif. I spent 11 days in Spain in early January with my brother and his wife touring coastal cities and going to Morocco to the Casbah. My next trip is to Tahoe for a ski weekend with my family, then on to Puerto Rico for a wedding, California for a Blue Angels show, and Hawaii for another family vacation.

Penny Partridge Booth wrote that 2007 was an incredible summer with guests streaming in and out from May through Labor Day. Her daughter, Lisa, who works for Procter & Gamble in Kobe, Japan, was in North Carolina for a few weeks with children Zach and Jonah and husband Stew, who also works for P&G. Daughter Trisha, who lives 10 minutes away, is expecting her third baby in late October. Her husband, Tom, is an immunologist. Although Penny officially retired as an administrator for Baltimore County Public Schools in 2004, she is a consultant and editor for an online mathematics course, a part-time math teacher at a local college, a bridge teacher, and the author of a homeowners association newsletter. Her community of low-country homes offers a beautiful place to live, fabulous active neighbors, and a huge lake with a boardwalk that allows her to walk a couple miles every day with her Westie, Duchess. There is a book club, a Bunco group, and a handicraft group that learns sewing, painting, and other home-decorating skills. They also take three to four trips a year and will be hitting the Big Apple at Christmastime.

Lee Musgrave wrote that 2007 was quite a year. Her mother died suddenly on New Years Day. She was 93 and in wonderful health until the week before she died. Lee's eldest daughter, **Lisa Musgrave '90**, got married last April in Orlando. Lee had another successful surgery last July to repair a macular hole, and recovery was once again grueling. She was expecting two new grandbabies, one this past March and one this past May. Grandson Nate, daughter Sarah's son, turned 4 recently.

Joanne Kanick Young wrote that she was in Berkeley, Calif., finishing a two-month stay with daughter No. 2, who just had a second baby 13 months after her first. Joanne lives in a brownstone in Brooklyn Heights, and her oldest daughter lives in an upstairs apartment with her husband and 1-year-old twin boys. Joanne is surrounded by babies! She worked as a school librarian for 20 years at two prestigious girls' schools in Manhattan, enjoying it up until the very end. She has become a passionate and somewhat crazed gardener. She and her husband, both retired, also travel. This year, they planned to spend six weeks in New Zealand.

Helen "Robin" Faith wrote that she was a biology major. She taught in public schools in Northern Virginia and Louisiana, and in 2004, she retired from teaching. She moved to Virginia to be near her daughter and her family, then she began a new career in educational therapy. **Jean Chattin Thornton** taught high school English and moved often after college – to New York City, Chicago, San Francisco, San Jose, and finally to Akron, Ohio.

Kathy Burke House wrote that 2007 was filled with sadness and joy. She lost her mother, **Elizabeth Burke '42**, an amazing woman. They were anticipating the birth of two more grandchildren in the spring, making a total of six who are less than 4 years old.

A new freelance-writing assignment led **Felicity Hallanan** to Denver last August for a reunion of the National Association of the 10th Mountain Division. She was asked to be editor of their 20-page "Blizzard" newsletter. The reunion was a great opportunity to meet hundreds of World War II vets.

Elizabeth Massie Cropper retired from Fulton County Georgia Schools in 2006 – sort of. She works part-time at the same school and has another part-time job supervising student teachers at Kennesaw State University, which is about 15 miles from her home. Husband Jim had his first triple bypass heart surgery on Sept. 11, 2006, from which he made a remarkable recovery. They've changed their lifestyle, and both of them exercise between 5 and 6 a.m. every day. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in August 2007, but had successful robotic surgery in January and is recovering well. He looks and feels like he did 20 years ago, and the doctors say the cancer, which was in a very early stage, is gone. Elizabeth is finishing two years as Atlanta's district chairman of Alpha Delta Kappa, an International Sorority for women educators. She and Jim live on a small farm outside Atlanta.

Last year, **Linda Patterson Hamilton** attended her first writers' conference and is writing feature articles for the local newspaper, editing her church newsletter, and contributing more meditations to a national devotional magazine. Her husband, Austin, will retire Aug. 1 after 38 years in law enforcement, and they plan to start traveling more. They have four grandchildren, and their youngest child graduated from high school last year.

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Hank and I continue with family activities, Pentagon Sailing Club, and volunteering. I play cornet frequently at church and tutor math ranging from fifth-grade to calculus just to keep my mind alive! It also helps me keep current with curriculum developments since we have a grandchild in every grade. Last summer, we took our annual vacation in Nags Head, N.C., with 16 grandkids plus parents, then traveled to a clan gathering in Brevard, N.C., in July to celebrate brother and sister-in-law's 50th anniversary. Thanks to all of you for correspondence.

Barbara "Bobbi" Bishop Mann attended a Mary Washington reception in Richmond in October with **Jana Privette Usry** and found **Susan Bogese Wagner** and husband Les there also. Bobbi continues to travel to Houston frequently to visit her mother, exercises by walking in the mall with friends, participates in breast cancer walks, and stays active in the Virginia Education Association. She frequently lobbies at the General Assembly in Richmond for public school funding and benefits for retired teachers; she often sees **Linda Todd Puller '67**, who is a state senator from Fairfax. When she wrote well before press time, Bobbi planned to attend the UMW Centennial Convocation Ceremony in March, join her retired VEA friends at the NEA Eastern Regional Conference in Williamsburg in April, and travel with husband Robert to his conference in Pittsburgh in May. Bobbi relayed news from **Ginny Sumner Ax** that her friend **Judy Blair Dean '67** had succumbed to breast cancer in December. Ginny had taught both of Judy's sons years ago in Lorton, Va.

> ***Judy Wells Clark '66 is executive director of Opera Roanoke, a regional company in its 31st year.***

Mary Turner Boyd '67, a dear friend and neighbor of **Kathy Fowler Bahnson** in Charlotte, N.C., offered her home as an inn for our UMW participants in the Susan G. Komen breast cancer walk in October. **Anne Meade Claggett Wilcox**, **Marilyn Wood Hunter**, and **Bobbi Mann** drove from Virginia; **Ginny Batemen Brinkley** flew in from Florida; **Ryan Stewart Davis** came from Washington; **Marty Spiegel Sedoff** came from Minnesota; and **Judy Blum Wasserman** came from Missouri. It was a magical reunion for everyone, with Kathy's lovely home and gracious Southern hospitality serving as a backdrop for the Komen walk. Between laughing, eating, and pretending they were 20-year-olds again, all eight ladies renewed their spirits and Mary Washington bonds of friendship while supporting a worthy cause. Ginny and Ryan had plans to continue their mission by traveling to Maui in April.

Marty Spiegel Sedoff's son, John Riedlinger, had a movie, *Vernie*, released in 2004 at the Central Standard Film Festival; it has been appearing on the Lifetime Movie Network since and was recently released to DVD.

Donna Sinclair Seward '67 and I often meet while volunteering at Vienna Elementary School. Although Donna lives in Annandale, she worked several years as an instructional aide in Vienna after retiring from her career as a corporate art director. She has one son and one granddaughter.

Joan Cuccias Patton is officially retired but cannot leave the classroom. She is a full-time sub in a part-time position teaching two calculus classes and one basic algebra class. Joan plans to accept a contract for the position as soon as it becomes available. She also was planning a summer family reunion trip to Hawaii. She and **Caroline Hogeland Stone** of Palmetto Bay, Fla., renewed their friendship and look forward to meeting at our next reunion.

Yvonne March, although retired, works as a contract linguist for the FBI, substituting for two or three weeks at a time. She travels to Savannah, Ga., to visit grandson Anthony, to Maryland to visit family, and to Vermont. Yvonne recently moved to Tampa to live with her significant other, Chris, and is very happy there.

Nancy Shackelford Jones took an intensive medieval-study trip to Germany with fellow docents from The Cloisters and the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. She continues to give tours to school children at The Cloisters and gives tours of downtown highlights to adult visitors at MMA. As regent of the New York City chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, she had a Sunday lunch with French DAR Regent Christine Malphettes, Vice President General Libby McKee, and four other regents from the city. Daughter Ashley, David, and baby Ella have settled in Washington, D.C. Middle daughter Catherine works in sales at the Jefferson Hotel and lives in Richmond. Youngest daughter Ali dives on the Yale swim team and is a June graduate.

After 10 years at Monticello, **Carolyn Perry Grow** resigned her position as docent. She has taken up photography, having completed two courses on how to operate her purse-sized digital camera. She and Dave completed renovations to their home near Charlottesville and, last June, celebrated their 40th anniversary by traveling to Alaska with Penn State alumni friends. In August, they made their annual trip to Chautauqua, N.Y., to enjoy life on the lake with family, friends, cool weather, entertainment, and education, plus locally grown fresh produce. They were home in time for the U.Va. football season.

Judy Wells Clark, executive director of Opera Roanoke, a regional company in its 31st year, serves also as the rehearsal pianist and accompanied a soprano/tenor recital in March.

Nancy Dean Wolfe lives in Marysville, Wash., near Seattle, where she and husband Noel moved in 1973. Nancy has had a Shaklee products

business for more than 27 years. Noel retired from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources in March 2007, just in time for the arrival of their first grandchild, Benjamin. Nancy and Noel marvel at being grandparents and enjoy caring for Ben while his mother works. Nancy keeps in touch with **Armine Carapetian Kundakjian**, who recently spent five months in her homeland of Armenia.

Kitty Downs Gregg has reopened her Virginia connection since son Chris took Army transportation training at Fort Eustis. He is now a second lieutenant in the transportation branch of the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Benning, Ga.

Sandra Hutchison Hoybach gleefully housed all of her children, including son Brandon and family from Croatia, for the holidays. In February, she "vacationed" in Denver with daughter Amy, while Amy and Shawn awaited the birth of their first child, a son, born early in March.

Susie Williams Cluff's husband, Mike, retired last summer just long enough for them to visit their daughter and two grandsons in Leavenworth, Kan., and their son and his family near Atlantic City, N.J. Mike went back to work soon after their trip! Later they traveled to Kanuga, a lakeside camp near Flat Rock, N.C., where Mike directed choir camp while Susie and friends rocked on the cabin porch overlooking the lake.

Mary Parsons Black and husband Ron spent the fall at their farm near Natural Bridge, Va., and visiting friends in the Dominican Republic before traveling north for a family Thanksgiving gathering. They returned home to Elizabeth City, N.C., for the holidays and their long winter's nap.

Susan Hanes Chaney and husband Bill enjoy the Northern Neck of Virginia and have discovered that the best way to view the scenic surroundings is by boat. Bill, retired Coast Guard, is the fisherman, and Susan's the navigator. Their travels included stops in Ohio and later forays to Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Panama City Beach, Fla., for the reunion for servicemen from Bill's WWII destroyer escort ship, which was also used during the Civil War and Vietnam. Bill was one of three WWII veterans present.

Kathleen Goddard Moss reported that she absolutely loved the Centennial issue of *TODAY*. She and Tom were preparing for their annual trip to Spain to visit daughter Ellen, who permanently resides there, and enjoy the Easter festivities with their Spanish-American grandchildren. Kathy mentioned that twin sister, **Eileen Goddard Albrigo**, finally has a granddaughter now – and her three grandsons have a baby sister.

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I enjoy being retired and wonder how I ever had time to work! I look forward to my husband of 41 years retiring soon. We enjoy our three daughters and sons-in-law, and our seven grandchildren. I also spend some time each week mentoring at a local school and volunteering in my church's crisis ministry. For fun, I enjoy reading and art.

Mary Turner Boyd rented a house in the Provence region of France in June 2007 and welcomed several Mary Washington visitors at various times – **Catherine Wilson** and **Jane Ownby Wells**, and **Gloria Shelton Gibson** and **Mary Page "Pidge" Williams Walden**, both from the class of 1969. More than once each of them said, "Who would have guessed 40 years ago that we'd end up vacationing together in France?" Mary lives in Charlotte, N.C., and recently welcomed her first grandchild, Elise Teagan Boyd, thanks to son Brendan and his wife, Andrea, who live in Johnson City, Tenn. Catherine's last day of work was June 8, 2007; three days later she was celebrating retirement in Provence, with no chance to miss the office. Jane lives in Atlanta with husband Jim and frequently visits her son, daughter, and their families in Alexandria and Raleigh.

Last fall, **Mary Beth Bush Dore** and Casey took a cruise from Istanbul to Athens for their 40th anniversary in July. They loved Turkey, saw a great deal of history in Greece, and realize there is so much more to see. They enjoy having their daughter, **Ginger Dore Marshall '94**, also living in Beaufort, S.C., while her husband is in Iraq for a year. Ginger has become a paramedic – quite a change from what she studied for her undergraduate and graduate degrees in historic preservation at Savannah College of Art and Design. Mary and Casey hope Ginger and her husband will settle close by after he retires from the Air Force.

During 2007, Ambassador **Frances D. Cook** traveled often to Europe and also honed her business skills by attending the business schools of the University of Chicago and Duke University. As a senior fellow at the Center for Naval Analyses, she also had occasion to study and work on several critical issues. She is enjoying immensely her second career in the private sector after 34 years in the Foreign Service. That career included ambassadorial appointments in Burundi, Cameroon, and the Sultanate of Oman; one Consul General job in Alexandria, Egypt; and two Deputy Assistant Secretary of State billets. She now sits on corporate and charitable boards, and she has her own consulting company for international business, specializing in the Middle East and Africa. Because she was away for so many years, she relishes time spent with friends and family. In May 2007 in Washington, she and other family members celebrated her mother's 93rd birthday. She also has established a second home in Provence, which she says is the haven her busy life needed.

In fall 2007, **Elizabeth "Beth Anne" Moses Mathes** visited Barcelona with a delightful small tour group. The highlight for her was Antoni Gaudi's *Temple of the Holy Family*. In early 2008, Beth Anne and her former Mary Washington roommate **Ann Dalby Cole** explored the Pacific coast above San Francisco for two weeks. In her search for a new life direction, she decided to study to be an antiques appraiser and joined the International Society of Appraisers.

After graduating, **Carol Quinn-Lassell** spent most of 1968 and 1969 running a USO club in Danang, Vietnam. In the '70s, she worked in both the Nixon and Reagan campaigns. Since 1984, she has owned and operated Executive Lodging Alternatives, a Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia-based corporate and government temporary housing company that provides furnished luxury accommodations for people who don't want to be in a hotel for an extended time. Carol lives in Occoquan, Va., and has traveled extensively over the years, on occasion with Mary Washington's travel club. She is a volunteer docent at the new National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico. Carol occasionally sees suitemate **Kathryn Pittman Jones**, who lives and teaches in Richmond.

Mary Mac Blanchard Harris has lived in Richmond since graduation. Her husband, Craig, practices law, and she works as a legislative assistant to a delegate at the General Assembly during the two-month legislative session. She has worked for the same delegate for 20 years. In spring 2007, Mary Mac and Craig welcomed their first grandchild, Evan, born to their son, Sam, and his wife, Sarah, who live in nearby Chesterfield County. Daughter Kelly is an advertising account director in Austin, Texas. Mary Mac enjoys gardening, golf, and restoring the large, overgrown yard at the home they recently bought. Last fall, she had a great four-day mini-reunion at the beach with **Betty Barker Price**, **Helen Callaham Hutter**, **Mary Lou Murphey Lee**, and **Elise Moore Strickland**.

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As I write this well before publication, I plan to attend all the centennial events at the University March 13 to 16, accompanied by my neighbor and "girlfriend," **Ruby Lee Norris '36**. I also am working hard to get my pool house ready for the Historic Garden Week in Virginia tour in April.

Jenifer Higgins Clark is a self-described "townie" who graduated with a bachelor's degree in math. She received her master's degree in oceanography from Johns Hopkins in 1975. She has worked as a satellite oceanographer for more than 30 years, and she appeared on a PBS TV special called *Racing to Bermuda* in April 2007. She and her meteorologist husband, Dane, have run their own company, Jenifer Clark's Gulfstream, since they both retired from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 11 years ago. They have three daughters. Kim, 32, has a master of forensic psychology degree and is pursuing a doctorate in psychology; and Mary Ann, 31, has a master of filmmaking degree. They both live in California. Rachael, 18 and a college freshman, is their "miracle child," who was adopted at 5 weeks after being found in a garbage bag in a dumpster and left to die. Jenifer and Dane are active in their church, and they have three dogs, two black Lab mixes and one Pomeranian who runs the bunch.

> ***Jenifer Higgins Clark '69 has worked as a satellite oceanographer for more than 30 years and appeared on a PBS TV special called* Racing to Bermuda *in April 2007.***

During her husband's 25-year career with Cargill, **Lesley Fanning Atkinson** moved around quite a bit. Since his retirement six years ago, they have made their home in Williamsburg, where she is the director of donor relations for the College of William and Mary, and he is the executive director of the Virginia Soybean Association. They love being back home again and are delighted to be near their middle daughter, who lives with her husband in Norfolk. Their oldest daughter lives in Eugene and has a 2-year-old son. The youngest daughter lives in Indianapolis with her husband and is expecting her first child. Lesley stays in touch with **Polly Elkins Rosenstein** and **Donna Jones Searle**. At Christmas, they hear from **Sally Simmons**, who is in Seattle and would love to hear news from others who graduated with us.

Anne Witham Kilpatrick and her husband, Roger, moved from Westerville, Ohio, to sunny Greenville, S.C., when he retired June 2007. They are now within two to three hours of most of the family and have seen more of them in the last six months than in the entire 19 years they lived in Ohio! Anne once lived in Charleston, so moving to the South feels like coming home. They enjoy the weather and have been inspired to travel all over South Carolina.

Last October, suitemates Anne, **Jeanine Zavrel Fearns** of Northern Virginia, **Toni Turner Bruseth** of Austin, Texas, and **Carolyn Bender Winterble** had their 10th "H--- With the Rest of Them" Reunion at **Suzy Bender Winterble**'s lovely new home on the Chesapeake Bay and Poquoson River in Yorktown. They talked, ate, and were exceedingly merry. Their next reunion will be at Anne's house in South Carolina. Suzy and her husband, Charlie, spend their free time golfing and designing houses. Their house on the Bay is the fifth or sixth house they have designed and had built for them, and the view is breathtaking. Toni does fundraising for the Texas State Historical Commission and husband Jim is an archeologist for the state of Texas. Together they authored a book, *From a Watery Grave*, about a ship that Jim discovered and recovered off the Gulf Coast of Texas.

Anne Witham Kirkpatrick has retired from transportation sales, and her husband, Roger, has retired after a long career as an engineer for JC Penney. Jeanine has worked as an assistant to a surgeon for Commonwealth Orthopedics for more than 14 years. Her daughter, Erin, is a VCU graduate and also works for Commonwealth in physical therapy. Her son, Sean, is director of the DEA Museum in Washington, D.C.

Chris Zavrel '86, and his wife, **Janet Hall Zavrel '87**, live nearby in Arlington with their three daughters. Chris is with Scitor Corp., and Janet is with the National Wildlife Foundation.

Linda Sargent Kaufman lives in Roanoke, Va. Daughter Bette graduated from U.Va. School of Medicine in 2007 and plans to pursue a dermatology residency at Bowman Gray in Winston-Salem, N.C. Son Bill, a Duke University graduate, attends MCV/VCU School of Medicine in Richmond.

Beth Stewart Coleman continues to volunteer as an AARP tax aide during tax season. Husband Wayne retired from his periodontal practice, and they enjoy their four beautiful grandchildren, travel, and their vacation home at Smith Mountain Lake.

Iris Harrell visited with **Carol Hewitt Guida**, her suitemate freshman and sophomore years, when Carol was in San Francisco on business. Iris and Carol had not seen each other since graduation! Carol is an architect and professor in Australia. The two of them spent a wonderful day together in Iris' neck of the woods – Portola Valley behind Stanford University. They visited Iris' home, which she has vacated while it is undergoing a massive remodel; after refurbishing other peoples' homes for 25 years, Iris says, it is her turn! The home will have solar and smart home features, energy saving appliances, and green-finish products as well as universal design features for "aging in place" without having to move due to accessibility issues – curbless showers, adjustable-height vanities, wheelchair clearances, a full-size elevator, and a meandering deck ramp in front to avoid the three steps. Iris' partner of 29 years, Ann Benson, has just retired. Iris was on the UMW campus in late March to serve on an Executive-in-Residence panel on entrepreneurship. While she was in town, Iris planned to visit with **Bev Holt** and **Pam Hogan Baynard**.

Nancy Yeager Allard says that 2007 was a busy and big year for her. She and her husband, Paul, celebrated their 35th anniversary in September, and she turned 60 in November. They were able to do a lot of traveling, too – a trip to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, for an international standards meeting in May; a cruise down the Danube with her sisters and extended family in June; and a trip to Cortona and Tuscany in October. Nancy still works full time as a senior policy specialist at the National Archives in College Park, Md. In November, she became the second member of our class to receive the Archivist's Lifetime Achievement Award. **Barbara Churney Suhre** received the award several years ago.

Mary Page "Pidge" Williams Walden and **Gloria Shelton Gibson** have continued their close friendship since they were junior counselors in Virginia Hall. They have a great time trading visits between Pidge's home in Atlanta and Gloria's home in Charlotte, N.C., particularly for cultural events such as a performance by the Alvin Ailey Dance Company or a new impressionist exhibit at the High Museum. Last year they traveled together to France, where **Mary Turner Boyd '67** rented a house in Provence for the month of June. Other UMW grads who joined them were **Catherine Wilson '67** and **Jane Owenby Wells '67**. After a week in Provence, Pidge and Gloria spent a week in Paris, where they tried to do it all – from the Louvre and the D'Orsay to Versailles and Chartres Cathedral.

Donna Cannon Julian wrote from her winter home in Naples, Fla., that she and husband Gene have just married off their third and final daughter! It was a beautiful wedding followed by a honeymoon trip to South Africa. They were expecting their second grandchild, a girl, in March, back home in Delaware. After helping with the new baby, Donna hopes to have time to put the final touches on her new beach house close to her Delaware home. She has been in touch with **CeCe Smith Riffer**, who has heard from **Barbara Orender Newman**, **Betty Jo Shoemaker Polk**, and **Joan Mueller Gertz**, but she didn't divulge any details – how about it girls?

Dixie Nelson Jennings, an art major, handwrote a lovely letter. She has three children – Matt, 37; Amber, 34; and Alex, 21. She lives in Chesapeake, and still is teaching art after 32 years. She has received a master's degree in humanities and a Gifted Endorsement. She plans to work two to three more years to finish paying off her horse farm in Holland, Va. When she retires, she hopes to write some books on art projects and "Schnauzerhaus Tales." She enjoys raising rare black and silver schnauzer puppies and Tennessee walking horses on her farm. She also enjoys trail riding at Petersburg Battlefield and Chippokes Plantation in Surry – a huge working farm state park on the James River.

> ***Joyce Burcham '70 spent Christmas 2006 with a church clean-up mission, gutting ruined houses in Lakeview, Gentilly, and the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans.***

Sharon Dobie was part of the American Studies/Trench Hill gang and has kept in touch with only **Ruth Woody Brannon**, **Dianne Taylor**, **Pat Cox**, and **Candy Smith**. She would love to hear from others! After Mary Washington, Sharon earned a master's degree in city planning, worked in that area, and returned to U.C. Berkeley for pre-med followed by UCSF for medicine and San Francisco General Hospital/ UCSF for family medicine residency. She moved to Seattle, was medical director of two community health centers, and then joined the School of Medicine faculty at the University of Washington, where she has been for 19 years. Sharon has an active clinical practice, teaches residents, and mentors medical students interested in careers with the underserved. She skis, hikes, swims, and is a triathlete. Sharon has adopted and raised two sons.

Marianne deBlois Zentz moved to Sarasota, Fla., eight years ago, was divorced seven years ago, is working part time at a tennis club, enjoys sailing with a good friend, and helps with elections in her community. Her son, 29, is a photojournalist in Illinois, but he is about to move to Los Angeles, where he will go into business for himself. Marianne's daughter, 26, is pursuing a doctorate from the School of Language, Reading and Culture at the University of Arizona in Tucson. Marianne still keeps in touch with **Ann Hoskot Kreutzer** who lives in Woodbridge, has just retired, and is enjoying her first couple of grandchildren. She also hears from **Martha Wilbourne Cummings** in Virginia Beach and **Linda Gattis Shull** in North Carolina.

For the past five years, college roommates **Dale Winn Dewenter** and **Kay Barnes Goldberg** and their husbands have enjoyed taking trips together in March to such places as the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, the Florida Keys, and New York City. This year they reunited with another roommate, **Frances Allison Emerson '70**, and her husband in the town of Wytheville, Va., where Frances is the director of museums. After reminiscing about days at Mary Washington amid lots of laughter, the Goldbergs and Dewenters continued their travels to the Martha Washington Inn in Abingdon and the Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. Kay teaches history at Nansemond Suffolk Academy in Virginia and enjoys entertaining her two granddaughters who live only blocks away in Suffolk. Dale and husband Jack live in Midlothian, where they enjoy golf and travel. Dale, having retired from teaching, delights in spending time with her three grandchildren.

Linda Eadie Hood retired from an executive position in information technology with the federal government in May 2004 and has been substitute teaching middle and high school since 2005. She is handling a long-term language arts assignment and occasionally grading National Educational test essays online. She and husband Rick enjoy cooking outdoors in their newly landscaped yard and soaking up the Pacific Northwest's beauty in Auburn, Wash., about a half-hour drive south of Seattle.

Pat Weller Wigginton wrote that her son, Jonathan, will be a junior at UMW in the fall, so she enjoys closer connections with the University and runs into classmates from time to time. She saw **Patty Boise Kemp** at the UMW luncheon for Steve and Cokie Roberts and **Anne Randolph Douglas** at alumni functions in Washington, D.C. Anne's twins are now in college at Virginia and Davidson.

As of mid-September 2007, the Class of 1969 Laura V. Sumner Memorial Scholarship has the following: principal – $57,240, interest – $21,163, for a total of $78,403. There is $3,200 available to be awarded for 2007-2008. Last year, the award was made to **Erin M. Hoesly '10** from Berkeley Heights, N.J., who received the full amount allotted. Scholarship donors and recipients meet each spring at a University-sponsored luncheon for all. **Liz Muirheid Sudduth** and **Marge Roszmann Tankersley**, among other classmates who live in the Fredericksburg area, have done us the honor of representing our class and our scholarship over the years at these luncheons. You might be interested to know that we have 371 active alumni in our class. Of these, 130 gave $40,358 to the University in 2006-2007, for a participation rate of 35 percent. These are excellent numbers, and we should all be proud of our loyalty and support. In years to come, I hope we can do even better.

Linda Gattis Shull wrote that since our last reunion, Mary Washington has created two "giving" prizes to be awarded during Reunion Weekend. One is a handsome bronze eagle statue given to the class that makes the largest gift for that year. The second prize is an engraved plaque displayed at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center for the class with the highest percentage of participation in the reunion class gift. Linda asked, "Wouldn't it be great if the Class of '69 could score *both* of these awards at our momentous 40th reunion next year [May 29-31, 2009]?" As an added bonus, our gifts would be counted as part of the Centennial Campaign that ends June 30, 2009. So, since we have a year's head start, let's make our 40th (yikes!) reunion a banner weekend and prove what we've always known: The Class of '69 was and continues to be AWESOME!"

It has become a sad but necessary custom to close this column with news of losses within our class. **Linda Thomas Boxley** reported the passing of her roommate, **Eloise Bell Sloan**, from lung cancer. Eloise was married with three sons and lived in Texas. **Pam Hogan Baynard** wrote that her roommate, **Elizabeth "Chib" Watters Miller** lost her husband, Wayne, to brain cancer in late November. Pam and her husband, along with **Diane Mowrey '71**, were able to go to Tampa for the service, which was a wonderful tribute to a life well lived. Also, in November, **Mary Lou Bagby Hopkins** lost her husband, Dick. **Pat Weller Wigginton**, **Carol Lupton Pohlman**, and **Linda Thomas Boxley** were able to attend the funeral service in Richmond. Carol, Dick, and Lou were all graduates of Louisa High School.

Joyce Munden Clark wrote that **Kay Badran Snow** passed away at home suddenly and unexpectedly on Feb. 19. No further details were known at press time. Kay roomed with **Anne Ball Gavin** their entire four years at Mary Washington and was originally from Norfolk. She had lived in Athens, Ohio, since 2002, after living in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and Oakton, Va. She is survived by her husband, Andrew P. Snow, an associate professor at the J. Warren McClure School of Information and Telecommunication Systems at Ohio University, and by two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

As you can see, the postcard reminder sent in January about submissions for our Class Notes certainly spurred a great response. Please continue to send news, as everyone who wrote expressed real appreciation for the column. I can only submit news that *you* supply, so keep up the good work and let me hear from you, especially those who have been out of touch for a while.

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Ted and I traveled to Florida after Christmas to celebrate my mom and dad's 60th wedding anniversary. Our big news is that we have put our home on the market. When the house sells, we plan to move to Colorado, near Denver, and we are really looking forward to this new adventure.

Joyce Burcham spent Christmas 2006 with a church clean-up mission, gutting ruined houses in Lakeview, Gentilly, and the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans. Last summer, she spent two months in Paris attending a basic professional culinary course at Le Cordon Bleu. She says that she can now turn out port wine reductions and cream sauces with the best of them! She rented an apartment in the 14th Arrondissement and relaxed after class by taking evening walks along the Seine and drinking wine at sidewalk cafés. Joyce is renovating her Manhattan pied-a-terre and practicing cooking and invites anyone visiting New York to come see her.

Conde Palmore Hopkins sent the wonderful news that her son, Haden, received his heart transplant last July and is healthy again. She asked me to please ask everyone to consider becoming an organ donor.

Martha Veasey Sawyer and her husband, Roger, traveled to Myrtle Beach, S.C., last November and enjoyed some wonderful seafood and a great show at the Carolina Opry. Ted and I got to visit with them at a tailgate party at the Virginia Tech-Florida State football game last November. It was fun to be back on the Tech campus for the first time in 38 years. My niece is a junior there, and I got to experience the student section for a short time during the game. It brought back a lot of memories!

Barbara Forgione Tansey retired from Ethan Allen in April 2007 and received a Mazda Miata from her husband, Bruce, as a retirement gift. Barbara has joined the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Tellico Village, which has many worthwhile projects locally, nationally, and internationally. Bruce continues as a tax advisor with H&R Block. Last June, they went on a Hawaiian cruise; they toured Honolulu's downtown historic area, the Punchbowl Cemetery, Pearl Harbor, and the Polynesian Cultural Center. Last October, they traveled to Las Vegas for the first time and enjoyed the sights and the shows.

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Gaye Gregory Elliott wrote that she and her husband, Stephen, were looking forward to having all four of their children together last Christmas.

Ellen Grace Jaronczyk and her husband, Bob, made another trip to Sammamish, Wash., to visit their son, Forrest, and his family. They enjoyed lunch at the Salish Lodge, overlooking a large waterfall. Their other son, Morgan, and his wife, Lesley, were expecting their second child last March.

Please keep in touch and send me your news.

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I had a great number of responses to my email requesting notes for our column. Thank you to those who responded. Send info occasionally and I will try to get a column written more often for the magazine.

I am now in Brussels at NATO headquarters as director of intelligence on the international military staff. I will be here at least through 2010. Ralph and I have been traveling all over the NATO nations and even those that are partner nations. We live in the Flemish part of Belgium, although in our small town of Jezus Eik people speak both French and English.

Susan Lohin works with alumnae relations at Wellesley College, connecting alumni to each other and to the college. She wants to touch base with **Diane Redfern Shelton**. Susan's oldest son was to be married by the time this column is read, and her second son was to head south now that he has finished his MBA from Babson College. Susan's daughter has ambitions to be a vet but hasn't found the right school. Susan and **Wendy Dickinson Smith** are in close contact. Wendy and husband Carl "Bubby" Smith (U.Va. '70) are working on the presidential campaign of John McCain, an old Navy buddy of Carl. The aisle has been crossed, though, since Susan is a stalwart Democrat, and the three remain best of friends. Susan also hears from **Pat Naybor Whitehead** and found out that Pat moved back from St. John's and lives in Beaufort, S.C. Word has it that **Laurie McIntosh** is in the Richmond area and **Peggy Tucker** is a principal at an elementary school in Tennessee.

Jan McNiel and Marv are in the California desert enjoying retirement and traveling around the West, especially New Mexico.

Betty Whichard Robinson wrote from Carmel, Ind., where she and her husband moved in 2004. She is a computer software trainer at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center branch close to home. She's also trying to find time to finish the 200 mysteries on her shelves.

Many of us are looking at retirement, but **Betty Barnhardt Hume** sent word that she started working full time in September and even increased her commute from a walk to a 30-minute drive. She works for Central Rappahannock Regional Library at the North Stafford Branch. Her husband, Randy, has taken over cooking duties but finds time for golfing. Their two daughters are finally "off the payroll."

Natalee Spiro Franzyshen is a financial manager for the local FBI office in Richmond; she wrote that it is never dull. Sadly, Natalee's mother passed away in June 2007, and her father is now in an assisted-living home. Our condolences to Natalee and to others who have lost parents. Natalee wrote that they are celebrating more than 30 years in the same house. Natalee's senior year roomie, **Fran McDonald**, retired from the Federal Register a year ago and will remain in Washington, D.C., although she managed a break from the weather with a Caribbean cruise.

Last September, **Evelyn "Eve" Dezerne Barrett** and Larry married off their daughter, Allison. The wedding was held at the Old South Meeting House, launch site of the Boston Tea Party. By publication time, Allison was to have finished her final year of medical school. Eve is still heavily involved in residential property management, and one of her more challenging projects was to upgrade and manage a 12-unit apartment building housing 40 college students in the Colorado Springs, Colo., area. Larry still consults on several projects but also volunteers and serves on the boards of the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony, World Affairs Council, and Southeast Renewable Energy Council. Larry lost his 97-year-old mother late last year.

Diana Rupert Livingston lost her husband of 20 months, Mike, to brain cancer recently. She lives in Port Saint Lucie, Fla., and several Mary Washington friends were close by during this sad time. **Cynthia Ellis**, **Kathryn Marilla Kent**, and **Pam Rave Hall** were there, and they poured through old *Battlefield*s reminiscing about times gone by.

Pat Piermatti '70 retired after 36 years as pharmacy librarian for Rutgers University Libraries in New Jersey, and she has begun in earnest to pursue her hobbies of digital photography, hiking, reading, and travel. She has traveled in the last years to Austria, Germany, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Russia, Switzerland, and Turkey.

Bryn Irving Roth retired in 2004, and this year, she and Dick plan to tour Scandinavia and Russia. Every summer finds Bryn in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on a church mission trip. Last year was a milestone year for Bryn as she celebrated 50 years since having open-heart surgery.

he celebrated with the American Heart ssociation Heart Walk in Richmond, iising more than $7,500 for this worthy iuse, and she even got to tell her story at ie walk. She continues to volunteer with ie AHA to promote women's health.

Kathy McKenna Bonafede went alfway around the world and ran ito **Fern Stillerman Cohen**, after ot having seen her since junior year. hey happened to be in the same group uring New Zealand and Australia id discovered each other in a gift iop at Ayers Rock. Fern retired from ie Veterans Administration Medical enter in Richmond, where she was a eech and language pathologist. She asn't fully retired, however, since she is private consultant in communications isorders. Kathy is in the Telecom dministration at George Mason niversity in Fairfax, Va. Her husband, m, is with Northrop Grumman. Their ildren, Patrick and Kim, are both the service; Patrick is assigned to ie *USS Abraham Lincoln* and Kim raduated from the Naval Academy id is a Marine Corps first lieutenant ationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

My freshman roommate, **Nancy IcAllister Bishop**, is in Thailand with ie Summer Institute of Linguistics orking with various ibes, educating iem, and in some ises helping to evelop a written nguage. Nancy ft school after er sophomore ear to pursue iedical technology, course not then ffered at Mary Vashington. We met p a few years ago hen I was in Thailand and Malaysia. he made me think of our other oommate freshman year, **Danielle elly**. Where are you, Danielle? nd where are all our other friends, assmates, and soulmates? I've posted ny email address here, but please make ure you have updated your addresses nd emails with UMW so we can find ou. Our 40th reunion is only three ears away! Maybe it will be the best urnout yet! Send mail!

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I hope this finds you all well and enjoying the new year. Fall and winter were pretty hectic for my family. There were two weddings in October, a daughter's relocation from Chicago to Texas, and then my father fell gravely ill in November and December. There were a lot of trips between Fort Wayne and Virginia until the new year, when health and a sense of normalcy returned. In January, Earnie and I went to Arizona. It was just beautiful and a welcome change from Midwest winters. Earnie rode his bike and trained for our upcoming six-and-a-half-week tour of New Zealand, and I enjoyed all the available museums, art galleries, shops, and walking trails. We both had a tremendous time! Between all the trips and crisis management, I met **Donna Denice '70** one afternoon for tea and reminiscing; it was a wonderful time to share Mary Washington memories. Several people wrote to share experiences or information of interest:

Last year, 50 years after having open-heart surgery, Bryn Irving Roth '71 celebrated with the American Heart Association Heart Walk in Richmond, raising more than $7,500.

Suzy Passarello Quenzer still has 20 silver-star key chains and 14 navy and silver pens that she had made for our 25th Class Reunion. They really are beautiful, and she'll happily send them to whomever requests them, as long as supplies last. Just email Suzy at sq3878@att.com with your address, or call and leave her a voicemail at 404/843-2727. Thanks, Suzy!

Pam McGahagin wrote from Atlanta that she, **Joan Darby**, and Joan's daughter, Kristina, toured London, Paris, Switzerland, and Germany last summer. Joan takes students from the high school where she teaches to Europe every summer, and this time, Pam was able to join the group. In October, Pam, **Pat Denton Rounds**, and **Diane Harvey Smith** visited Harvey's mother's beautiful farm in Montross, Va. The house has been in the family for decades, is completely renovated, and is still a working farm.

Pam wrote that **Lanona "Nonie" Robinson**'s mother passed away in September. Please accept our collective sympathy, Nonie.

Bridget Binko, another Framar Friend, wrote, too! Bridget and her husband, Fred, live in Boulder Creek, Calif., and celebrated their 25th anniversary by cruising in Monterey on their sailboat. They planned to move into a new home in Santa Cruz this summer to be closer to the coast. After having worked in pharmaceutical development (most recently at Johnson & Johnson) for 25 years, Bridget is taking five months off to relax and change gears before embarking on a new career in nursing. She'll be successful in her studies, I'm sure, as well as in keeping up with her hobbies of sailing, growing orchids, gardening, and wild mushroom foraging.

Thanks to all who wrote, and please continue to pass your information along.

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Albert "Beaver" Brewster earned a master of social work degree from Norfolk State University and a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. He had served in the Marines in Vietnam before attending Mary Washington and returned to active duty in 1982 as an Air Force officer. Before retiring in 2006, he was director of research for the Air Force Family Advocacy Program, teaching clinical counseling skills, working in research and behavioral science for Air Force Family Medicine, and serving as the director of medical education at Andrews Air Force Base. Al's first wife died from brain cancer.

In 1982, he married Lavina; together, they have three sons. Jason, 30, practices law in Los Angeles. George was killed in a tragic auto accident shortly after his 21st birthday. Seventh-grader Reid loves hunting and fishing and hopes to attend the Air Force Academy. Today, Al has a small clinical practice, enjoys boating, and is involved with his local Methodist church.

Barbara Buchanan Shepherd continues her work as director of national partnerships at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Husband Dave teaches foreign language for Loudoun County Public Schools. As empty-nesters, they attend Washington Nationals baseball games, wine tastings, and a variety of theater productions in D.C. Daughter Julie is a freshman at Virginia Tech; son Ben graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in 2006 and is a musician living in New York City.

Faith Geibel Moore of Greenville, N.C., had a successful hip replacement in February 2007. She works part time in the GED program at the local community college, is in women's groups and book clubs, and does water aerobics. Daughter Lauren married **Brandon Robinson '02** in Washington, D.C., last summer. Faith's husband works for a local company now, so he is not traveling. They hope to be able to do more pleasure traveling soon. Faith's father passed away in October, then her husband underwent four surgeries to repair a detached retina. In February, Faith took a seven-day cruise to the Caribbean with her mom to recuperate.

Deborah Hoertel Masgrau celebrated 30 years with Air France last July. She is sales manager for the Mid-Atlantic region and is responsible for two of Air France's gateways, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. She still lives in Virginia and works in D.C., but visited Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, S.C., as possible retirement locations. Son Sacha, a college sophomore, is pursuing a degree in computer science and journalism. Deborah saw in *UMW TODAY* that **Donna Dowdy '77** had passed away. If anyone has any information about her, she'd treasure some details.

Karen Lebo returned to a private law firm and specializes in ethics and business matters. She plays tennis and golf. She and Tony enjoy fishing and working on their home. Last fall, Karen attended a UMW alumni meeting where she saw Bill and **Theresa Crawley '77**. Bill read excerpts from his upcoming history of UMW. Karen said the excerpts were moving and entertaining, and that Dr. Crawley's book will be a "must read" when it is published this fall. The Class of 1975 hopes to see Bill at the 35th Reunion in 2010!

Brenda Goodman and her husband, Jess, live in a beautiful log cabin on the outskirts of Richmond. Son Aaron was to graduate from U.Va. in May.

Nicki Hutton Locascio, associate professor in the biology department at Marshall University, was selected to be assistant director of the Yeager Scholars Program for gifted students. Nicki and husband Joe have two children, one who recently graduated from Johns Hopkins and another who is headed for the College of Charleston in the fall.

Evelyn "Ebbie" Koster Linaburg became the assistant superintendent of schools for Shenandoah County last year. She previously was the director of special education and a school principal in Shenandoah County. Ebbie and husband John enjoy the freedom to travel that comes from being empty-nesters.

In 2007, **Melissa Dowd** was elected the Commonwealth's Attorney for Highland County, Va. She is also the part-time county attorney and continues to represent private clients. Mel, who began participating in triathlons at age 50, recently finished third in her age bracket in the Moomaw Madness Triathlon. She also garnered a first-place ribbon at a local horse show – her first.

Diane MacKnight is the president of MacKnight & Associates consulting firm in Northern Virginia. Her work has taken her to Egypt and around the country. As an adjunct instructor at George Mason University, Diane teaches courses in facilities management. Last year, she became a

PHOTOJOURNALIST FINDS FOCUS AT *NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC*

When Pulitzer Prize-nominated photojournalist **Joanna Pinneo '76** roamed the Mary Washington campus as a student taking pictures for *The Bullet* and the yearbook, she hardly could have imagined her photographs would one day appear on the cover of *National Geographic* magazine.

During her nine years of work for the celebrated publication, read each month by more than 50 million people around the world, Pinneo ate dinner with former Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, sustained a bite by a poisonous scorpion on assignment in Sudan, and witnessed the dismantling of the Berlin Wall. She credits her college experience – and the personal attention she received from inspirational professors – with preparing her for a career that, at last count, had taken her to more than 65 countries.

"I learned to foster an interest in many different things and to be inquisitive about the world around me," she said. "These are skills that I found to come in handy when photographing many different subjects."

Her Mary Washington majors – art and psychology – also served her well, she said.

"I learned to express myself artistically as well as show the human condition."

While working for *National Geographic*, Pinneo used her camera to document exotic scenarios such as camel drives in the Sahara Desert, the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, and the effects of climate change in the Amazon rainforest. Her photographs also have appeared in the Baptist International Mission Board's magazine, *The Commission*, and in *U.S. News & World Report*.

The journey that led from art student to world-traveled photographer couldn't have started without the assistance of several encouraging and challenging Mary Washington professors.

Pauline King, then-chair of the art department, made it possible for Pinneo to spend five weeks in a study abroad program in Spain, an experience that "had a huge influence on me wanting to travel more and capture the people I saw and met," Pinneo said.

In the same way, Professor Teruo Hara's introduction to the darkroom helped Pinneo realize that the camera was the tool that would best allow her to express herself.

"It opened me up and showed me how excited I was about photography."

At 53, she has put aside her travel-intensive *National Geographic* work, for now, to do freelance and wedding photography in the Denver, Colo., area. She also is working on a personal project, Grrlstories.org, an online exploration of adolescence that captures – through photos, essays, and activities – the coming-of-age rituals of teenage girls from different cultures.

But Pinneo, who was on campus in March to share her work with journalism and art students, hasn't forgotten the contributions her alma mater made to her career.

"When I visited, Mary Washington still had the same sense of community," she said. "People really get to know each other, and professors make an effort to know their students personally."

– Brynn Boyer '10

Lynda Richardson '81

During a visit to her alma mater in March, Pulitzer Prize-nominated photojournalist Joanna Pinneo '76 (in green) talked to UMW art and journalism students.

grandmother and enjoys her new role as "Mimi" to her grandson.

For more than 10 years, **Peg McIntyre Cabrera** has been a graphic designer at KCBS2 and KCAL9, the two Viacom television stations in Los Angeles, where she creates on-air news graphics. Peg is celebrating 30 years of marriage to husband Vic. She's the proud mother of two daughters: Carly, an event planner in Santa Rosa, Calif., and Allison, a recent environmental science graduate of San Francisco State University.

Carole Mercader and **Carol Kerney Peal** wrote about a mini-reunion dinner in September at Tyson's Corner. In addition to Carole and Carol, two other Jefferson Fourth Westers were there with their husbands: **Hope Rudinger Linehan** and **Susan McDonald Osborn**. This was the first time this group has gotten together in 20 years! They shared a toast in honor of their dear friend, **Peggy Unkle**, who had just passed away in June. (Peggy had been a senior manager with product assurance at the IRS; her funeral was attended by Carole and Susan as well as **Mary Byrnes** and **Cindy Snyder**.) They toasted Peggy's quick wit and laughter, and all agreed she would be sorely missed.

Carole Mercader is a retired teacher and travels extensively with her husband, Bob Sowers, who is a contractor with BAE Systems. Carole has three children, Sara, Philippe, and Charles. Bob also has three children, Eric, Curtis, and Shelly; a son-in-law, Frank; and two granddaughters.

Carol Peal is retired and cares for her elderly father and her home in Pennsylvania. Carol and husband Mike have two girls. Melissa is married and a second grade teacher; Megan is a civil engineer.

Hope Linehan is a secondary reading specialist in Anne Arundel County, Md. She and husband Chip have five children: Kelly is a middle school teacher; Eric and Craig are in the business world; Mark is a junior at Towson; and Ryan is a high school senior.

Susan Osborn recently launched a new training consultancy. She and husband Paul have two girls, Kate and Lauren, and a son-in-law, Chris. They all live in Northern Virginia.

Marcia Howell Marsh was unable to join the mini-reunion because of a death in her family. She is in her 20th year teaching middle school drama in Chesterfield County, Va. She and her husband, Steve, have two daughters in their 20s who live in Richmond: Katie is a teacher, and Jeanne is a wellness director for the YMCA.

Also unable to attend the mini-reunion was **Sue Lagarenne Harris**. The group's advice to pass along to all their classmates was this: Don't let 10, 15, or 20 years go by or wait for an official "reunion" to reunite with your UMW friends – plan something with two, three, or four friends and get together *now* – it is worth the effort!

Carol Pappas Bartold sings in Los Robles Master Chorale. Last December, I had a chance to see and hear her perform. If any alumni are in the greater Los Angeles area, I highly recommend that you try to catch one of these performances.

Carol went to Sarah Lawrence College last summer for a nonfiction workshop with Ted Conover. Since she was in the neighborhood, she went to Norfolk, Va., to visit **Peggy Kelley Reinburg '58**, who taught organ in the music department. Back home in Glendale, Carol got a *real* surprise: **Megan Kromer**, an old friend from freshman year in Marshall First South, called from San Antonio. Megan, with whom Carol had not talked in years, transferred to San Antonio's Trinity University during sophomore year and has lived there since. **Kathy Davis Cavalieri**, who was also from Marshall First South, visited Carol last summer; she teaches art in New Jersey.

Last fall, Carol was concerned about **Sue Early Decesari**'s San Diego home during the wildfires because Sue was in New York visiting her parents. Carol talked with Sue's husband; they didn't have to evacuate. In January, Carol had a wonderful time at a little organ student reunion in Richmond. The six people who attended the reunion were in the first group of organ students Peggy Reinburg taught in 1973 when she came to UMW after Mrs. Edson retired: **Judy Mayberry Fiske '73** hosted the group at her home; **Barbara Taylor Moore '73** came from Charlottesville; **Laura Blevins Douglass '73** joined them from Harrisonburg; **Becky Reames '76**, on Christmas break from State University of New York, Potsdam, where she's an associate professor of music, drove from her hometown of Staunton; **Deborah Peel Spidle '76** traveled from North Carolina; and Carol came from California.

Joanne Rehm recently moved to Cary, N.C. She is national training director for Genworth Financial in Raleigh. Her son is in his third year at U.Va. She celebrated her birthday weekend with him there last fall, watching U.Va. narrowly beat Wake Forest.

Judy Saul Kraft was diagnosed in January 2007 with tongue cancer and had major surgery in February 2007. Fortunately, the tumor was removed and all of the lymph nodes from her neck tested clean. As of February, Judy was a one-year survivor! Judy's daughter was married in August 2007, and Judy's family celebrated the marriage and *life* with the new couple, Jackie and Rob. Judy's son, Alex, is engaged to be married in September in Cape Cod. Judy has returned full time to St. Stanislaus, where she teaches honors math and computer literacy. Her husband, Phil, is retired and loves gardening all day.

In August 2006, I visited **Maureen Argo Marks** in her beautiful home that overlooks the Pacific Ocean near San Diego. She hadn't changed a bit! She was looking forward to starting her part-time family practice work for Kaiser

Permanente and getting ready to send her daughter, Ellen, to Spain for a year of study. We spent an afternoon catching up by looking through the 1975 Mary Washington yearbook and reminiscing. I saw her again last August and got this update: She visited Ellen in Spain; her youngest son, Andrew, got married on Dec. 29; and last February, she started working full time at Kaiser.

Don't forget to send me your email address if you would like to be added to my distribution list to be notified of happenings for the Class of 1975. It's been great hearing from you. Please keep the news coming!

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Ah, the power of email! It's been quite a while since our class had anything reported in Class Notes, and I think that attests to our busy lives as part of the "sandwich generation."

I've lived in Connecticut for 20 years and have been married nearly that long. I met my husband, Jim, when we both were living in San Francisco; his job with General Electric brought us back to the East Coast. I have had four distinct careers: as a federal government worker, as a mainframe software sales executive, as owner of a corporate gift and gift basket company, and currently as a fundraiser in nonprofit development. I'm a senior development director at our local community college. Jim and I love outdoor activities, including tennis, biking, and kayaking.

Ranelle Weeks Flurie has run her own dance studio for 19 years. She dances and does lots of instruction and putting on shows with her students. She has a son who is going into banking and a daughter who is in pharmacy school. She keeps in touch with **Sherrie Adams** and **Ann Withers**.

Carol Mills started teaching elementary music in Prince William County right after graduation and is now in her 30th year there. She is busy with church activities, leading a children's choir, and singing with the adult choir. She attends the occasional concert, play, or sporting event, particularly now that D.C. has a baseball team again. She travels and twice led a delegation of middle school students to Australia and New Zealand with People to People Student Ambassadors. She eased her way into the age of 50 by visiting friends in Paris.

Marnie Snyder Wheatley lives in the suburbs of Frederick, Md., with her husband of more than 25 years, Tom. Their daughter, Leanne, 23, is in graduate school; son Daniel is a senior in college; Russell is a freshman in college. Marnie has gone back to school to study accounting.

Beverly Wood-Holt graduated from Mary Washington with a bachelor of chemistry degree and went on to earn a master of analytical chemistry degree from the University of Georgia. She worked in Kodak's motion picture division for 10 years, and in that job, moved to Los Angeles in 1986. Her present job is as an executive vice president of technical services for DELUXE Labs in Los Angeles, where she has been for 15 years. DELUXE makes movies – the actual prints you see in your local theaters. Five years ago, Bev married a man she'd known for 25 years. Brian is a composer and makes sound tracks and scores for films and commercials. They travel back to their farm in the southern part of Virginia two to three times a year. Beverly keeps in touch with **Roseanne Galzerano Wyatt**.

Roseanne has been busy getting settled into expat life in Kuwait and traveling all over the region. Her husband, Jeff, is working on a major project for Chevron in Saudi Arabia, and they will be there for about four years. They live on the Arabian Gulf waterfront! Their daughter, Sam, is a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania.

Joanna Markunssen Livengood went to Carnegie Mellon after graduation and earned master's and doctorate degrees in chemical engineering. She joined the Department of Energy 24 years ago, doing research in fossil energy. Joanna is a member of the federal government's Senior Executive Service and is site manager at a Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory. She has been married to Dave for 11 years, and they live in the Chicago area.

Jane Roth Baugh and her husband, Tom, have been in Roanoke for more than 21 years. After working at Hollins for four years, she became a librarian at Woods Rogers PLC, the largest law firm in that part of the state, and is about to celebrate her 18th anniversary with the firm, where she is also the records manager and handles several other jobs. Tom is the music director at Christ Episcopal Church, where Jane sings in the choir and helps him with the children's choir. She is also in the Roanoke Symphony Chorus.

Jeanne Munns Swartz has lived in Alaska for 30 years and works as a forensic scientist in the Alaska Crime Lab. Before that, she did stints as an oil company geophysicist and a high school teacher. She has two daughters, one husband, one dog, one cat, and one chicken. She really wanted to be at our 30th reunion but planned to attend her daughter's college graduation.

Krista Wentz Levy and her husband, Andy, live in Ashburn, Va. She moved around the country a lot for her career and is glad to be back in Virginia. These days, she works as the director of marketing services for Lonza, a Swiss-based pharmaceutical company. She has no children of her own, but she is the proud stepmom of three young adults.

Kathy Cesky Heggman is on assignment as IBM's global integration executive for India and manager of two large transformation accounts in Australia and Europe.

Shirley Tyykila VanRiper has been married to Tim, a photographer and copy editor, for 25 years. They have two children but are now empty-nesters. Shirley and Tim have lived in Baton Rouge, La.; Asheville, N.C.; Roanoke, Va.; and now Pueblo, Colo., where they are building a timber frame house. Shirley works as a medical technologist and visits her mom, who is battling a brain tumor, as often as she can.

Linda Meeker Young hoped to attend the reunion, but with two teenage boys, everything is always subject to change. Both Sam, 17, and Ben, 14, are active in Boy Scouts. Linda has been married to David since 1983, and they continue to live in the same house in State College, Pa.

Margaret Tillery Bell has been married for nearly 20 years to Doug. They have four children who range in age from 8 to 18. For 15 years they have lived in Michigan, where Doug is a research analyst for Ford. Margaret has three part-time jobs: church organist, piano teacher, and assistant in an accounting office. Her father, Frank Tillery, who sponsored many scholarships at Mary Washington, just passed away in December. Margaret did not plan to attend the reunion since her oldest son, Kirk, was to graduate from high school that same weekend.

Jeanne Munns Swartz '78 has lived in Alaska for 30 years and works as a forensic scientist in the Alaska Crime Lab.

Paula Ruth Steere Newquist married husband John in 1969 and attended classes at Mary Washington from 1970 to 1972 and again from 1976 through December of 1977. She graduated in May of 1978 while she was pregnant with her second child. She has four children: daughter Gusti, 33; son Russell, 29; son John, 25; and son Noel, 23; all were born in Fredericksburg. The family moved to Madison, Ala., in 1985, when John got a job with Teledyne Brown Engineering, and has been there ever since. Paula earned a Master Craftsman in Counted Thread certification from The Embroiderers' Guild of America and has had several quilted outfits accepted and shown in national competitions. Between 2000 and 2002, she lost 79 pounds (way to go, Paula!), and she currently works for Weight Watchers as a leader and receptionist.

Patricia Ringle Vandever has lived in Charlottesville since 1979 and really loves it. She is in her 28th year of teaching high school English and is chair of the English department at Charlottesville High School. She has identical twin sons, Justin and Jason – one is married and lives in the Dallas area, and the other lives in San Francisco.

Ann Plough Shaw studied school/clinical child psychology in grad school at U.Va. and received her doctorate in 1986. She married fellow graduate student Daniel Shaw in 1987. They moved to Pittsburgh in 1988 and have been there ever since. He is a faculty member in the clinical psychology department at the University of Pittsburgh. Ann has worked on and off as a clinical psychologist and is now working part time with children who have been diagnosed with an autism spectrum. She and Daniel have three children: Alyssa, 17; Zachary, 14; and Joshua, 9.

Vanessa Vance Moncure is celebrating her 30th anniversary this year with her husband, Withers "Buzzy" Moncure Jr. Because of health problems for which she's been treated at the Cancer Center at U.Va., she has had to retire from the catering and restaurant businesses she owned in Fredericksburg. Her son, Webb, and his wife, Fernanda Ibarra Moncure, of Klamath Falls, Ore., have two sons, Sebastian and George. Vanessa is learning to knit because the couple is expecting a third child during our Reunion Week. Vanessa's daughter, Katherine Stuart, is expecting her first child in August, so Vanessa will be a grandmother of four and a knitting whiz by then. Her youngest son, Avery, is at UMW this year. He is the third generation in her family to attend. Vanessa's mother, **Wyvonne Weaver Vance '53**, was on the May Court.

Deby Cox Bigdely is the human resources manager for Hankins and Anderson Consulting Engineers in Richmond. She earned a master's degree in business human resources and industrial relations from VCU, graduating with a 3.9 GPA. She jokes that she was more focused as a grad student than she was when she attended Mary Washington! She also is certified as a senior professional in human resources. Deby and Bill, an electrical engineer with Dominion, have been married for 28 years. They have three grown sons, Austin, Adam, and Thomas.

Kathy King Wirtala lives in Fredericksburg with her family. She and husband Joe were to celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary on

May 18, which was also the day Kathy's eldest daughter was to graduate from Christopher Newport University. Sara finished CNU in three years and is an English major (like Mom!) and a leadership studies minor. With Sara's wedding date set for May 31, Kathy figured she could not attend any reunion activities. Her son, Tim, 18, planned to graduate from Fredericksburg Christian High School in May. Kathy's "baby," Amy Elizabeth, is now 15 and studying American history in-depth at home this year. Kathy was a museum professional in the photographic preservation field at both the National Archives and Records Administration and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. She had her own consulting and photographic preservation business for several years. They are currently caregivers to Joe's dad, former Germanna Community College President Arnold Wirtala.

Kathy regularly sees her best friends from UMW: **Toni Showalter Scott**, **Susan Haas Meyer**, and **Robyn Reed**. She is also in touch with **Jeannette Smith Sullivan**, who is in south Florida.

Martha Cross Swafford and her husband, Dave, will celebrate their 30th anniversary this year. After 20 years of leading a military life and moving numerous times, they have settled back in Virginia. Martha worked for several years at Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, but now enjoys working in her own gardens.

Venetia "Tia" Kite Cadow has lived in Fredericksburg since graduation and has been married to her husband, Robert, for 27 years. They have two daughters – Megan, 20, is a sophomore at George Mason University, and Kelsey, 16, is a sophomore in high school. Tia had a commercial banking career in Washington, D.C., for 10 years before she "retired" to have her children. For the past 10 years, she has owned Fredericksburg Rentals, a party/event rental company that offers tents, tables, chairs, linens, china, flatware, glassware, dance floors – everything you'd need for a party, wedding, or corporate event. She is a very involved alumna and sits on the UMW Galleries Advisory Council. She hoped to attend our 30th reunion, but that is a very busy time in her business.

Beth D. Atkinson will celebrate her 30th wedding anniversary in August and has two grown children, Virginia and Jeremy. Virginia graduated from Mary Washington in 2003, and Jeremy graduated from U.Va. in 2006. Beth, who lives in Northern Virginia, has worked as a substitute teacher and chief officer of elections and has volunteered in various community groups for many years.

After graduation, **Bill Leighty** earned a master's degree in business administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. He retired in September after a 29-year career serving in various capacities with state government. The last five years of his service were as chief of staff to governors Warner and Kaine, and a real highlight of his career was serving as the main point of contact with Buckingham Palace for the visit of Her Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, to Virginia in May of 2007. Bill is an adjunct faculty member at VCU and has a private consulting practice that specializes in performance management and includes several international contacts in Scotland and England. He is married to **Marti Kearns Leighty '75**, who was his high school prom date. Their son, Matthew, married Bill's best friend's daughter, Shannon, in October. The two met when Bill and his friend took them along on a hiking and camping trip to the bottom of the Grand Canyon in May of 2005. He reports, "Life is very good!"

Lynn Kramer Hallahan didn't graduate from Mary Washington because she transferred to MCV in Richmond, but she's still an alumna! Lynn is single and has two children – a daughter, 18, and a son, 20. They live in Warwick, N.Y., and she's a laboratory information systems coordinator for the Bon Secours Charity Health System. Interestingly, she works remotely with **Pattie Hart**. Both transferred to MCV together in the same program, went their separate ways after college, and now are working parallel for the same organization. As Lynn says, "It's a small world."

A highlight of the 29-year state government career of Bill Leighty '78 was serving as the main point of contact with Buckingham Palace for the visit of Her Royal Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, to Virginia in May of 2007.

Patti Gutteridge Meire has been married to her husband, Leo, for 22 years and has two sons, ages 16 and 12. They live in Richmond, where Patti practices law at Hunton & Williams. Patti reports that she visits Fredericksburg – especially Carl's – from time to time. Whenever she goes, she walks around the campus and is thrilled to see Mary Washington thriving.

Lucy Eppes Swanson reported that 2007 was a stressful year. In March, she and her family moved to a six-acre property in Pierson, Fla., that had been in her husband's family since the 1920s. They moved two weeks after having to put their son's 13-year-old cat to sleep and three days before her 94-year-old father died. Lucy had just transferred to a new job location, too, so everything was topsy-turvy! She was looking forward to 2008 being a much better year, and so far so good.

Karen V. Jones Bourgeois has been married for 19 years and has one son, Frederick Joseph Bourgeois IV, who'll enter high school later this year, and one spunky cat. Karen earned a master's degree in systems management from USC and has worked for various government and aerospace contractors in Virginia, Colorado, and California. She lives in northern California in the hills near Monterey Bay and is active in Calvary Chapel Santa Cruz. When she's not working, commuting, maintaining the house, or spending time with her family, she likes to garden, play flute, read, and paint. She was considering coming to the reunion with her mother (Class of '53) and other friends from Mary Washington and hoped to see some of her professors.

Victoria Bennett Goodrich lives in Virginia Beach and, as of June 17, 2008, has been married to Tom for 30 years! They have a 24-year-old daughter and a 21-year-old son. Vicky worked as a vascular technologist in the Hampton Roads area for 28 years and is now working part time for Sentara – no weekends, no on-call, no holidays! She and Tom are actively involved with Grace Bible Church in Virginia Beach. Tom works as a woodcrafter/carpenter for the federal government. They now live with Tom's father, who is almost 85. Vicky is also a Mary Kay beauty consultant. They have a red miniature dachshund and a gray tabby. Vicky and Tom planned a trip to San Diego, Calif., for a vascular convention and were to continue to New Zealand and Australia. They planned to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary at the Great Barrier Reef.

Lynn Connor Merring lives in Costa Mesa, Calif., and works in Newport Beach. She manages the library, records, and docketing departments of a law firm of 120 lawyers in five offices. Lynn has been married for almost 12 years to her husband, Bob, a lawyer who practices out of their home. They have no children, but they do have two fabulous royal standard poodles. Lynn is very close to her junior-year Mary Washington roommate, **Pamela Brown**, and she saw her in December when visiting family in Florida.

Laurie Jean Baker Brown is now Laurie Baker Jewett; she married a contractor from Vermont in 1995. They live on a house barge that is tied to an old fishing dock in Poquoson, Va. They just won a five-year battle to save the building, and they plan to restore it. Her grandchildren, Vanya, 9, and Daedalus, 3, live with them. Laurie sings with Publick Times Chorus of Sweet Adelines International and is illustrating a children's book about recycling. Laurie reports, "Life is interesting."

After graduation, **Seth Brown** was an economic statistician for the Department of Commerce and worked evenings at Desperado's, a blues club in Georgetown. He earned a master's degree in accounting from Georgetown and pursued an interesting career path – from Arthur Andersen, he went to Fairchild Industries, a public company focused on the defense and aerospace markets. He helped negotiate the sale of Fairchild to Banner Industries and then to a French company called Matra. He became vice president/controller of Matra's space and defense businesses in the U.S.; then, when Matra's U.S. operations were sold to Orbital Sciences, Seth became Orbital's vice president of finance. Later, when a British company, Smiths Aerospace, took over part of Orbital, Seth assumed responsibility for Smiths' information systems business. In January of 2005, he became chief financial officer and general manager of Canadian operations for the Australian company, Adacel. Three years later, he sold Adacel to another public corporation, and retired. He and Maryann McGuire (Mike's sister) have been married since 1985 and live in Leesburg, Va. They have two children: Kathryn is a sophomore at U.Va., and Seth is a high school junior. The senior Seth, who serves as cantor at Christ the Redeemer in Sterling, Va., has sung all over the D.C. area at weddings, funerals, and other events.

Susan Cody Dane, now in Spotsylvania County, has taught music for 30 years in eight different states. She is the choral director at Freedom Middle School. Her two daughters are grown; one teaches second grade in Texas, and the other is an analyst at ONI, having finished four years of active duty in the Navy. Susan planned to celebrate 30 years of marriage in May. Her husband, David, teaches at the FBI Academy at Quantico.

Cheryl Chapman Smith and her husband, Tim, have been married for 25 years. They have lived in a suburb of the Twin Cities in Minnesota for the last 15 years, after Tim completed 10 years as a Navy flight officer. Cheryl teaches second grade. They have two children: son Glenn is a lieutenant in the Navy stationed in Norfolk, Va., and daughter Blair is a senior studying secondary education at Winona State University. Tim and Cheryl enjoy travel and many different outdoor activities.

Kim Barlow Hoffman worked in retail management after graduation, married the man she dated through college, and settled down in Fredericksburg. Husband George was a landscaper with a small garden center, and in 1988, Kim started full-time work at the nursery. After George was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1991, Kim kept the nursery growing. By 1993, George needed a wheelchair and assistance with most everything. In September 2001, he had respiratory failure due to pneumonia and was sent home on a ventilator and given 10 days to two weeks to live. Kim proudly reports that six years later, though still on a ventilator and feeding tube, George is still with her; and the nursery, which adjoins their home, continues to grow. Kim works full time and is there for George. In addition, she bakes cakes for the alumni association. Her faith and optimism are amazing.

Regan Mulreany married Tim Plunkett and has a 16-year-old daughter, Shannon. After graduation, Regan worked for Delta and was based out of Boston and then Miami, where she

lived for nine happy years. She met her Delta-pilot husband onboard a Delta jet and got her pilot's license as a condition of her marriage! They split their time between a condo in Miami and a boat they live on in the Keys, where they sail and scuba dive. In 1989, the family moved to Spruce Creek Fly-In, a Daytona Beach community that has its own airstrip. Regan, Tim, and Shannon all fly their Cessna 182. Tim also has an interest in WWI airplanes; he owns and flies a German Fokker DR1 (the Red Baron's three-winged plane) and a British Sopwith Camel (two wings). A licensed massage therapist, Regan now works one to two days a week at a chiropractic clinic. She continues as a flight attendant with Delta, flying to international destinations out of Atlanta. Also in Daytona is **Beth Hiers LaHue** and husband **Larry LaHue '77**. They have three children, and both work in local government.

Kaaren Reckmeyer Dunn lives in Montgomery, Ala., with her husband, Robert. They have three children; the oldest is a freshman in college.

Patti Brown Luzi-Earley lives in Chantilly, Va., with her big family. Her first husband, Steve Luzi, passed away from cancer more than 10 years ago, and Patti is now married to Pete Earley, an author who has recently been seen on CNN and other outlets commenting on mental illness. His book *Crazy* chronicles his son's personal journey with mental illness and is quite a read. Patti teaches public school and coaches girls' basketball.

Betsy Moser Morrison recently moved from Wilmington, N.C., to Illinois due to husband John's job transfer. They have two children: Will graduated from Dartmouth; Emily is at N.C. State.

Robin Pender lives in Stevensville on Maryland's beautiful Eastern Shore. Her home is on a residential airstrip on the Chesapeake Bay across from Annapolis. She commutes from there to Bethesda every day to her job at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency where she is a division chief for the Maritime Products and Services Domain in the Office of Global Navigation. She has been with the agency for 30 years and plans to retire in about three years. She works with several UMW graduates, including **Hollis Cooley-Sassano '79**, **Ellen Erskine Littlefield '79**, and **Keith Littlefield '79**. She is active in the Potomac Antique Aero Squadron and has a 1946 Ercoupe that she and her husband are restoring. Last summer, Robin had dinner with Dr. King Stablein, who was a geology professor at UMW when we were there, and his wife, who live in Bethesda. Robin also keeps in touch with roommate **Susie Jordan Lavender '77** and suitemate **Beth Johnson Hicks**, who transferred to U.Va. into the nursing program.

Eugenia Waldrop-Visaggio married second husband Mike in May 2002. They live in eastern Henrico County, Va. Three years ago, Eugenia became a pharmacy technician.

Julia-Meade Cover Gallier has worked at the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren in Virginia since graduating with a degree in math. Her husband, Mike, came to NSWCD the same year from James Madison University, and they met not long after reporting to work. They were married in 1980 and have lived in King George County ever since. Their son, Ben, is a student at Germanna Community College. In December, Julia was thrilled to receive the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Jackie Gray married Garry while she was an undergraduate at Mary Washington. After graduation, she began teaching first grade at Grafton Elementary School in Stafford County. This was a short-lived career. After their two children were born, she and Garry opened a series of small convenience stores and an oil change service. Jackie said that owning and operating these businesses was certainly a change from her initial intended career, but Mary Washington prepared her for a little bit of everything. Two years ago, they sold the businesses and Jackie retired. She spends much of her time with two precious grandchildren – Christianna, 4, and Camden, 2. Life is good, she proclaimed.

Cicely Enright has a full-time writing and editing position. Her two sons are both in college pursuing technology-related studies.

Demetria Smith Laird lives in New Jersey with her husband of 27 years, Doug. They have two children: son Chris is a junior at Penn State, and daughter Sarah is a high school junior. Demetria has worked as a substitute teacher for five years, and she volunteers for various church and community activities.

Gail Story Upton and Mike have been married for 25 years and have three adult children: Dan, Katie, and Lisa. Dan is in New York City learning about his Jewish heritage; he will be a father in September, so Gail will be a grandma! Katie is in graduate school getting her master's degree in accounting; in December, she will marry her high school sweetheart, a mortgage analyst in Oklahoma City. Lisa is studying economics, philosophy, and pre-law at Oklahoma State University. Gail recently changed jobs and is director of quality assurance for the non-profit National Association of Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies. She works two weeks a month in Arlington, Va., and the rest of the month from home in Oklahoma City. Mike works for the FAA as deputy director of enterprise services, which involves accounting and information services.

Scott Sharer '78, an engineer and entrepreneur who has pursued a diverse array of business endeavors, cuddles with Fyre, one of the rescued tigers he cares for at his home on Tybee Island, Ga.

ENGINEER TAKES A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Scott Sharer '78 has crawled into cages with tigers, detailed motorcycles for celebrities, and set up communications systems in some of the most dangerous outposts in the world.

His life's twists and turns have been fueled by a sense of adventure and an out-of-control curiosity. But Sharer, who has started multiple businesses and taught at prestigious colleges, also has a practical side. An uncanny foresight and a desire to teach others have contributed to the success of this versatile engineer and entrepreneur. And, Sharer said, he owes a lot to his college experience.

"I still remember clearly one night when I was studying for a philosophy exam … it suddenly occurred to me that what I was studying in philosophy, theater, political science, psychology, and language was all connected together," he said. "Once I got the liberal arts connection, education really became a joyous event."

After graduation, Sharer, 52, earned his master's degree in design and technology from Texas Christian University. He went on to indulge his love of education by teaching at Cornell University and the University of Missouri. As he moved up in academia, though, he found himself spending more time in administration and less in the classroom.

His operations acumen eventually pulled him into the field of technology, where he explored the idea of transmitting data, voice, and video via a dial-up telephone network. In the mid-'80s, when few had any idea that computer videoconferencing would someday be possible, Sharer knew the media's potential.

A decade later, life threw him a curveball. His wife, Sandra, was diagnosed with cancer. Emboldened by her fight against the disease, she convinced him to do something he'd always wanted to do: start his own business.

Sharer started Communication Design Group, which specializes in engineering and video communications. Early on, a government agency recruited his company to do top-secret work, which sent him all over the world. He also took his expertise to the private sector, and some of those clients asked him to pass his knowledge on to their employees.

"I would just teach for free to put something back into the community and the education of the next generation of engineers," said Sharer, who lives in Tybee Island, Ga.

He found other teaching opportunities, as well. When he took his custom American Ironhorse chopper in for service, the shop's technicians complimented his detailing work. Soon, Sharer was teaching other motorcycle owners to do the same through a business he called ChopperDetailing.com.

Moving from motorcycles to wildlife, Sharer developed an interest in tigers after meeting trainers who kept big cats on the brink of being destroyed. Sharer sponsored them and eventually started Domestic Panthera, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the genetic and behavioral research of tigers. In the process, he also improved the lives of the cats' caretakers by educating them about technology, research programs, and funding.

With a passion for chasing such disparate interests, it's miraculous Sharer finds time to get it all done. He wonders about that himself but acknowledges he wouldn't have had it any other way.

"I have decided," he said, "that my tombstone will read 'He Was Never Bored.' "

– Les Shaver '97

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From **Barbara Goliash Emerson**: It's been quite some time since we've had any news for the Class of '79, so I took it upon myself to gather some. There's so much happening with our classmates. **Lisa Bratton Soltis** was kind enough to send lots of information.

Lisa and **Donna Anaya** spent one sunny July weekend last year tubing down the Tye River in Nelson County. This was Lisa's first tubing trip and she said it was fabulous! Following the tubing extravaganza, the two feasted on burgers and homegrown veggies. The two also had tickets to the Earth, Wind & Fire concert at Wolf Trap. In the fall, Lisa and Donna also had dinner with **Bonnie Berry** in Washington, D.C. Bonnie was transitioning from her job at the Discovery Channel to Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign. Lisa and Bonnie had corresponded on Facebook, a wonderful way to find and keep up with your Mary Washington friends!

Lisa's daughter, Jennifer, married Christopher Bryant in Roanoke, Va., last August. Randolph Third Right was well represented at the wedding, with **Gayle Weinberger Petro**, **Nancy Quaintance Nelles**, **Donna Anaya**, **Karin Hedberg**, **Sally Hart Morgan**, and **Shelley Roberts Havnoonian** in attendance. **Julia Martin Belvin '72** and **Vickie Nichols Sherertz '78** also attended. Everyone had a great time staying at The Hotel Roanoke, shopping at the Roanoke Farmer's Market, and dancing to their Motown favorites! Following the wedding, the Mary Washington gals headed to Ferrum, Va., and Deerwood, the home of Joe and Carolyn Hart, **Sally Hart Morgan**'s parents. Everyone was treated to rest and relaxation in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia – nothing finer!

> ***For 13 years, Nancy Carroll McDaniel '83 and Bruce McDaniel '86 have lived in the Bahamian Out Islands of Abaco, where they designed and built their own house on the cay, which has been featured in* Coastal Living *magazine.***

Sally Morgan recently went to Mexico on an economic development mission. She was the only female chosen from the great state of Virginia! Gayle Petro, who teaches in Fairfax County Public Schools and is as wild as ever; she has made several trips to Florida to visit her family and Disney World. Nancy Nelles has become an avid University of Maryland women's softball follower; her daughter, Meredith, is a pitcher and has won accolades!

Shelley Havnoonian is working on her new home in Philadelphia. Karin Hedberg spends time traveling from her Boston home to visit her cute nephews and nieces in California. In other news, Lisa learned that **Robbie Earle Rowe** moved into a new home in Richmond, right next door to **Dottie Traweek Large '80**.

Jane Roth Baugh '78 lives in Roanoke and is a librarian for Woods Rogers, the largest law firm in the Roanoke Valley. And Lisa sees **Joan Castner Niederlehner '77** often at Junior League functions in Roanoke. Her two girls, Mary Clark and Kelly, are now in college, and both are beautiful!

In addition, Lisa reported that she sees **Lisa Carle Shields** of Danville periodically. Lisa Shields' son, Jonathan, attends Mary Washington and is doing well. Lisa is busy with her new position as a mortgage banker with Suntrust Bank. She's so good at what she does that she won a trip to Jamaica.

Both Lisa Soltis and Gayle Petro are members of the UMW Heritage Society, which has been a great way to keep connected with the University. Gayle donated a portion of her life insurance policy to the school, and Lisa purchased an insurance policy and gave it to UMW. Gayle's philosophy is to enjoy the parties while we're living, and they've loved every minute of it! If you haven't thought about donating to your alma mater, now is the time – and it is a very nice tax write-off!

UMW receives only 27 percent of its funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia, so the school can definitely use our help!

Lisa added, "We are excited about the news of Mary Washington's first woman president, Dr. Judy Hample, and look forward to meeting her." Gayle, Lisa, Vickie Sherertz, and Donna Anaya attended the kickoff of the Centennial Campaign on March 14 and 15 and had a wonderful time!

As for me, Barbara Emerson, my husband retired in 2007 after 31 years with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Our son, Doug, is a junior at Fairfax High School, where he is active in student government and plays lacrosse. I am the manager of organizational development and training for the Fairfax County government, and I love the challenge of coordinating the county's strategic planning and leadership development programs.

Several other Mary Washington alumni work for Fairfax County, including **Mary Regan McMahon**, who supervises a buying team for the Department of Purchasing and Supply Management. Mary's husband, Brian, works for the U.S. Postal Service; son Sean, 17, is a high school junior and an avid lacrosse player; son Zachary, 14, is finishing middle school and just got his first summer job. They hoped to attend a Regan family reunion this summer on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Others working for Fairfax County include **Carolyn Bess Pantzer**, a business analyst for the Department of Family Services, and **Fatima Allibhai Khaja '80**, a management analyst for the Department of Systems Management for Human Services. Fatima and I used to work together in the Department of Management and Budget and still find time to catch up with each other at lunch. Fatima's son is a sophomore at VCU.

For several years in the Marshall and Russell dormitories, I lived down the hall from **Betsy Larson Kyker**; now, we find ourselves living five minutes from each other and run into each other at the supermarket. Betsy and her husband, Bill, have two handsome and active sons, Quint and Jake. They spent time during the fall of 2007 in Australia, where Bill was working, and are waiting to hear if they'll be heading down under to live for a year. Betsy also took a brief trip to Scotland in January.

After she left Mary Washington, **Linda McCarthy Milone '78** earned a master of science in foreign service degree at Georgetown University. After 20 years, she's married to the same nice guy, Paul, who is an international consultant. She still lives in Georgetown, works in admissions at the Washington International School, and has two sons – Max, a senior applying to college, and Oliver, an eighth-grader applying to high schools. The Milones took a fabulous family trip to Kenya for Linda's 50th, visiting the Samburu, Masai Mara, and Lake Nakuru. Linda and Oliver also traveled to Peru to visit Cuzco and Machu Picchu in March, while Paul and Max went skiing and snowboarding in Breckenridge, Colo.

Carol Middlebrook, who lives in Washington, D.C., was recently promoted to special assistant to the general counsel of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. She married John J. Feldman III, and the two took a belated honeymoon to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands. Carol is always traveling to interesting places.

After dedicating many years to raising her two boys, **Nena Lee Kobayashi** returned to where she left off in the workplace. Before she became an at-home mother more than 17 years ago, Nena worked as a project manager for Advanced Technology, providing defense acquisition support. In November 2007, she returned to full-time work as a senior data manager for Alion Science and Technology in D.C., in support of the Naval Sea Systems Command on the Littoral Combat Systems Shipbuilding program. She feels so fortunate to have had this opportunity to transition back into her field. Nena lives nearby and sees **Sallie Smith Hutcheson** quite a bit. Sallie has one son and works at her local church where she assists with budget, accounting, and administrative duties.

I also have gleaned a little news from the Class of '80. My sister, **Patricia Goliash Andril**, retired from practicing dentistry and is a busy artist. She works in colored pencil and has had three works accepted in international competitions. Patty frequently travels to sailing regattas around the world with her husband, David, a partner in a law firm in D.C., and their two teenagers, Katie and John. John was on the national Opti sailboat team, and Katie, another wonderful artist, is in her junior year at Bishop O'Connell High School. Patty's former roommate, **Linda Jones '80**, earned her doctoral degree at Penn State and taught for a number of years at Alford State in New York; she won many teaching awards. She is now director of engineering at Smith College. We are proud of Linda, a former chemistry major at Mary Washington.

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Last summer, **Ann Crouch** transferred with the federal government from Alexandria, Va., to Canberra, Australia, for a three- to five-year tour. She's having fun getting to know the country and learning to drive on the other side of the road!

Sharon Sachs Strauss now works with the Community Action Agency, staffing the board and managing programs. She's wrapping up four years as co-chair for First Book Montgomery, a children's literacy nonprofit organization. She also is coordinating volunteers from her synagogue to serve monthly dinners for NIH's Children's Inn. Her tennis-playing husband, Mike, made it into USTA's top 10 for Maryland. Son Danny is a freshman studying business at College Park. Daughter Julia is in high school and helps Sharon teach kindergarten at Beth El on Sundays. They're still a multigenerational household – 14 great years with her in-laws in Chevy Chase.

Pam Clapp Hinkle, husband Greg, and son Ian recently returned from a two-week safari in Tanzania with Pam's parents, siblings, sibling spouses, and nephews. They had a wonderful time observing the animals, meeting the people, and seeing the country. Pam and Greg both started new jobs last September. Pam is still at the Marine

Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole after 25 years but is now managing a major fundraising initiative in addition to the lab's communications efforts. Greg is head of informatics at Alnylam, a small pharmaceutical company in Cambridge, Mass., that is developing drugs based on RNAi technologies. Ian is a first-grader who keeps busy with Cub Scouts, swimming, piano lessons, skating, and horseback riding.

Sandy Wise Conran traveled to Europe for the first time last summer. She visited London, Rome, Venice, Dubrovnik, Barcelona, Florence, Naples, and Sicily, and had a fabulous time! In late June, she was diagnosed with a benign brain tumor, a meningioma. She was totally without symptoms until a nighttime seizure. She had a very successful surgery in mid-July and is working on her recovery. The doctors are pleased with her progress, yet, as a physical therapist, she can't help but notice every little deficit. She returned to light-duty work in September. Their two children are now in middle school.

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In January 2008, we found out that my 90-year-old father had colon cancer. Luckily, he made it through surgery and is doing very well. I'm still working, running, and cycling. My oldest son is graduating from high school and choosing between Yale and Princeton.

Jackie Lane Rice, husband Rich, and children Richie, Kaylyn, and Reiley are still in Richmond, where Jackie does programming part time at Dominion. She has competed in several Sprint and Olympic triathlons and planned to compete in a half Ironman this year.

Lisa Harris Coleman continues as a technical supervisor at SSAI. Her children are busy with ice skating, instrumental music, choir, and Irish folk dancing.

Nancy Carroll McDaniel and **Bruce McDaniel '86** emailed to say "hello" from The Bahamas. They have lived in the Bahamian out-islands of Abaco for 13 years now. In 1995, Nancy took a teaching job at Hope Town All-Age School on Elbow Cay. They had a yard sale, rented the house on Marye Street in Fredericksburg to UMW students, and sold the two cars, thinking they would be on the island for two years. They are still there! They built, and for five years have managed, Dolphin Beach Resort on Great Guana Cay, which has less than 100 locals, no bank, no post office, no police, and one tiny grocery store. They drive around in golf carts. They designed and built their own house on the cay (it took two and a half years), and *Coastal Living* magazine did feature stories on both. Daughter Zoe is 16, and son Reilly is 13. Bruce works as a construction manager at an ultra-upscale private development called Bakers Bay Golf & Ocean Club. Nancy is a special education teacher at a school on the bigger island of Marsh Harbour. They sail, fish, spear lobster, eat conch, snorkel the fabulous reefs, kite surf, kayak, and paddleboard.

Nancy says that while it might seem idyllic, island life can be a real test because of things like hurricanes – Floyd in 1999, Frances and Jeane in 2004 – frequent power outages, milk that costs $12 a gallon, and what Nancy calls "rock fever," when you just want to get off the island and roam aimlessly through a Target! The biggest issue they face now is that Zoe and Ryan have been educated on the islands their entire lives, and soon it will be time for them to re-enter the U.S. and apply to colleges.

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Photo courtesy of Hilary Fordwich

Hilary Dryer Bruggen Fordwich '82, shown here with golfing great Jack Nicklaus, has parlayed her love of the links into a business asset.

Fordwich has her business savvy down to a tee

Hilary Dryer Bruggen Fordwich '82 seems to energize the space around her, whether she's in the boardroom, on the golf course, or behind the wheel delivering her kids to school.

She talks fast and moves even faster.

"I just get up and go," she said. "I need to make things happen – for my children, for my clients, for everyone I come in contact with."

This 46-year-old executive juggles a dizzying array of responsibilities, as business owner, marketing expert, public speaker, avid golfer, and mother. And as the scheduled keynote speaker at UMW's Leadership Colloquium for Professional Women in November, she plans to talk about how she makes it all come together. The key, Fordwich said, is applying the 5 Cs – communication, candor, concern, competence, and connection – to both her business and personal life.

Long before she'd heard of Mary Washington College, where she majored in political science, Fordwich – now a sought-after expert in strategic relationship building – emigrated from England with her parents. She now treasures her U.S. citizenship.

"I love this country for the opportunities to succeed if you're hard-working," she said. "I've had setbacks, and I'm proud of succeeding through a lot of physical and emotional turmoil."

Much of her enduring success can be found in the company she started, Strelmark, a growing Washington-based national business development firm of which Fordwich is president. Strelmark capitalizes on her 25-plus years in marketing, including a 10-year stint as head of global business development for the international accounting and consulting firm KPMG.

Strelmark was born of Fordwich's need for flexible hours and the ability to work closer to home. "I'm a mother first and foremost," she said, "a single mother of three children." (She has a 12-year-old daughter and sons ages 14 and 6.)

A 9-handicap golfer, Fordwich appears regularly as a business and golf expert on D.C.-area television and radio stations, and she's helped organize a number of tournaments. She took her first swing in the mid-1980s and has parlayed her love of the links into a business asset.

"Golf is the game of the boardroom," she said. "I decided to join the 'boys' at their game."

Fordwich also is a popular speaker at leadership, trade, and professional conferences. She's written a monthly column for the *Washington Business Journal*. And her advice has been featured in *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *Fortune*; and on CNN, the USA Network, CBS *Marketwatch*, the public radio program *Marketplace*, AOL Sports, and CareerBuilder.com.

To meet all her responsibilities and stay energized, Fordwich power walks, drinks ample water, and avoids caffeine and nicotine, noting that she's leaner now than she was in her younger days at Mary Washington.

And as if she didn't already have enough responsibility, Fordwich also is a busy community volunteer, especially on behalf of organizations that support youth, entrepreneurship, public education, and golf for inner-city children.

She acknowledges that her civic reputation as doer and giver helps her in the business world: "When you work on a board and you're good, huge organizations approach you and want to work with you."

But, she said, there's more to it than that.

"I believe strongly in doing the right thing."

– Nancy Alexander

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Sidney Griffith Keith teaches earth science in Jacksonville, Fla., for Duval County Public Schools. She lives in St. Augustine, Fla., with her husband, Mark. He travels the state educating parents, teachers, and school districts on how to help children – especially those with sensory impairments – receive services under IDEA. Their son, Ian, is in 10th grade, is working on his Eagle Scout project, and is active in church, track, and typical 16-year-old activities. Sidney's father and her mother, **Jolene Moyer Griffith '57**, relocated to Jacksonville nearly two years ago.

Patrick Tormey and **Cheryl Fare** live in Ashland, Va. Patrick works in software development, and Cheryl continues the work she began at UMW in performing arts. The greatest joys in their 20-plus years of marriage come from their children – Denise and James.

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Greetings, fellow 1991 grads! I am happy to say that I have heard from quite a few of our classmates over the past few months. I have enjoyed receiving your updates. Please keep them coming! I hope to hear from many more of you in the future.

Frank and I still live in Stafford, Va., and have been keeping busy with our 8-year-old son, Jake, and his activities. Frank coaches Jake's soccer and baseball teams, is a den leader for his Cub Scout troop, and commutes to Northrop Grumman in Washington, D.C. I volunteer at Jake's school and work on a few projects for the Newspapers in Education department of *The Free Lance-Star*. We still see fellow 1991 grads and Stafford residents **Dana Scarponi Petto**; **Todd Spangler**; Todd's wife, **Nicole Franchois Spangler '92**; and **Mark Mesterhazy** on a regular basis. Dana and husband Joe have three kids: Sam, 11, Rachel, 8, and Molly, 5. Todd and Nicole also have three children: Emily, 10, Madison, 7, and Andrew, 3. Mark and wife Kim have a 2-year-old daughter, Morgan. In February, we saw **George Asiello**, his wife, Beth, and their 2-year-old daughter, Rylee.

Michael Tao '92 and wife Valerie celebrated their 10-year anniversary at Sandals in St. Lucia, where they went scuba diving and explored the rain forest.

Gina Haney lives with her husband, Glenn, and daughters, Ella, 3, and Matilda, 2 months, in Charlottesville, Va. She is a consultant for economic development initiatives involving cultural resources.

Cheryl Dyer Klassa and husband John have been married for 15 years. They live in Cary, N.C., and have three children: Katie, 13, Hannah, 10, and Matthew, 7. Cheryl home-schools them and is active in several church ministries – Sunday school supervisor, pastoral care coordinator, and prayer team member. Cheryl also coaches her daughters' soccer team and ran her first marathon at Disney World in January of 2007.

Stephanie Myers Michalowicz runs her own coaching business, ABCoaching, in the Richmond area. She focuses on helping families, kids, teens, and parents reach their personal, social, and academic goals. She describes the business as being similar to counseling.

Lizzy Freeman Stell and husband John welcomed their new little girl, Avery Caroline, last summer. Madison, 5, loves having a baby sister. After working for more than 15 years, Lizzy left her job to stay at home with her children. In addition, she works part-time from home for Arlington Travel Soccer Club.

Yvette Herbert Hayes and husband Paul are doing well as they continue in their careers at Bank of America. Paul recently launched P@H Photography and has really been enjoying photographing all sorts of events, from weddings to portraits to political debates. Yvette had the pleasure of mentoring high-potential managers who participated in the WOMEN Unlimited Inc. TEAM Program, which is dedicated to developing women leaders. Last year, Yvette and Paul celebrated their 13th wedding anniversary in Myrtle Beach, where they enjoyed a family reunion with Paul's family. They also took a trip to the Caribbean in November.

Leanne Driscoll Carico works as a clinical system IT manager in her hometown of Roanoke, Va. She and her husband have two daughters, three dogs, two cats, a horse, a donkey, and a goat. Leanne says that she misses and fondly remembers the gang from Randolph dorm from 1987 to 1988.

Susan DeBruhl Crites and husband Jeff, married for 13 years, live in Warrenton, Va. Her most recent news is that her first children's book, *I Love You More Than Rainbows*, for ages 3 to 10, has been published and was due on store bookshelves in January. She hopes this is the first of many books to be published.

Lisa George Blanchard lives in Manassas, Va., with husband Mark and their three boys, Collin, Garrett, and Evan. She works full time as a business analyst for the Department of Energy's Office of Aviation Management. When they're not working, Lisa and her family spend most of their time at their lake house in Louisa, Va. Lisa and her husband also enjoy watching the boys play sports.

Nicole LaPorte Parker has lived in Mason, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati, since May of 2003. She is a stay-at-home mother to son Chase and daughter Emma, who are 2 years old. Nicole's husband, Carl, who works for a Canadian company, recently got a promotion, and they planned to move to Toronto this summer. Nicole and family visited her parents in Fairfax, Va., last fall and enjoyed getting together with fellow graduates **Laurie Johnson Chidlow**, **Karen Clegg Blocker**, and **Amy Rose LaPierre** and their children.

Brian Basil is in his 13th year as a high school math teacher on Long Island, N.Y. His wife, Lisa, teaches special education in the same school. They have three children: Ryan, 4, Anna, 3, and new daughter Isabel, 6 months. Brian stays in touch with **Mick Philp**, Tas Philp, **Mike Lysaght**, **Patrick Dunne '93**, and **Joseph King '92**.

Stan Gallagher-Smith and family live in Elm City, N.C. Stan and wife Kellie are both clergy. Stan has served at Elm City United Methodist Church for the past five years. Kellie is the associate pastor at Bailey United Methodist Church, which is in another nearby small town. Their oldest child, Dottie, is 10. Her little brother, Wilson, is 8. Their newest family hobby is camping. Stan's newest personal hobby is motorcycling. He bought an 800cc Suzuki Boulevard cruiser last July and can't get enough of it.

Megan Donnelly Cyr lives in Arlington and has been a dental hygienist for Fairlington Dental for more than 12 years. She works part time, so she can spend more time with her daughter, Maggie, who is 2. Megan is involved in several Irish-American organizations in the Washington, D.C., area and is also the treasurer of the D.C. St. Patrick's Day parade.

Laura Hilton English has been in the Seattle area for the past two years with husband Ed and children Devin, 8, and Nolan, 6. Ed works at Microsoft, and Laura has been busy being a mom and running a side photography business. Laura and her family have been enjoying hiking, camping, and exploring Seattle. Laura earned her master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology and worked in several consultancies through the years before having kids. She has lived in many different places since graduation, including London, San Francisco, Raleigh, and Charlotte. She keeps in touch with several friends from her Caroline Street house, including **Amy Goulstone Gronlund**, **Elizabeth Greene**, **Julia Booth Burkett**, **Liz Baumgarten Heagy**, **Andria Kushan**, and **Lizzy Freeman Stell**.

Julie Booth Burkett has lived in Roanoke, Va., for about two years, having previously lived in Raleigh and Richmond. Julie has worked as a paralegal off and on for the last 10 years. Husband Matt's latest business venture is a retail shop in Roanoke called Chocolatepaper, which specializes in gourmet chocolates and fun paper goods. Julie's daughter, Olivia, is 4.

1992

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Hi Class of '92! Please note my new email address and send me some updates! I haven't received many for the past several months, so you have to hear about me. My husband, John, has accepted an offer from his former employer, Ernst & Young, to take a position in the tax department in their Tokyo office. John and I visited Tokyo in February and found a place to live, registered Mary Ella, 4, and Jack, 3, in the American School, and met many of his new co-workers. Tokyo is fascinating, very Western, and yet still unlike any place I have ever seen. There is even a Costco! We planned to move there in April and will be there for three years, so I will be acting as Class Agent from across the world. I will be an "at home" mom for the first time ever. I'm very excited about the chance to learn (or try to learn) Japanese and to have more free time with our children to explore Japan and the rest of Asia.

Hilary Holmes Anderson and her husband, John, are staying busy with work and children – Ryan, 5, and Natalie, 3 – in Arlington. Hilary continues to work four days a week for the DEA in the financial policy unit. She and John are also raising Marshall, an 80-plus pound dog.

Michael Tao writes that he and his wife, Valerie, recently celebrated their 10-year anniversary at Sandals in St. Lucia, where they spent most of the time scuba diving and exploring the rain forest. They live in Chesterfield, Va., with their children, Gabriella, 7, and Mitchell, 4. Michael has worked in mortgage lending for the past 14 years and is a manager with Benchmark Mortgage, overseeing locations in Chesterfield and Colonial Heights. He and Valerie are both still very active with sports. They taught the children snow skiing and plan to take them out West for a big ski trip next year.

1993

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I have just accepted a position as general counsel for a corporation headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. As I write, I am furiously packing my house, including my many pets. If any of you alums are in the Columbus area, please email me! I don't know anyone there.

Stephen Covert and wife **Amy Parrish Covert '95** have a son, Benjamin, and were expecting another son in April. Since graduation, they have lived in the Fredericksburg area, where Stephen taught Spanish in middle and high schools in Spotsylvania County for several years before moving into administration. He has been principal at Ni River Middle School since 2000 and recently completed his Ph.D. at VCU. He currently teaches education in the graduate program at Mary Washington and serves on the board of editors for the *National Association of Secondary School Principals Journal*. Amy is a stay-at-home mom, has started an antiques business, and has been published in *Lighthouse Digest* magazine. As a stroke survivor, she has served as an ambassador for the American Stroke Association on Capitol Hill. Stephen reports that **John Anstey** and his wife, **Kara Matala Anstey '94**, recently welcomed another daughter.

Sean Michael Dargan '90 lives in Madison, Wis., and continues to make a living playing music, both with his band and with national touring act The Kissers. He runs a small-but-mighty home recording studio, plays his bagpipes daily, and cannot decide exactly how many guitars is too many. He and his wife, Jennifer, were expecting their first child in August.

Jane Crisler and **Chris Bennett '89** welcomed a boy, Henry Owen, in June 2007.

Lela "Lejai" Baldwin became principal of Creedmoor Elementary School in North Carolina in August 2007. After three years as an assistant principal, she reports that it has been quite a year running her own school.

J. Suzanne Horsley graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2006 with a doctorate in mass communications. She is an assistant professor of communication at the University of Utah.

Mary Alice Coleman Zirkle and her husband, Richard, were to celebrate their 15th anniversary on their farm in Bedford County, Va., where they raise Black Angus cattle. Mary is the chief of planning for the county and is sad that her college roommate, **Cheryl L. Roberts**, has chosen to leave the comforts of the big city of Roanoke, Va., for Columbus, Ohio.

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From Amy: Craig, Ryan, and I survived our first winter in Pennsylvania and learned how to operate a snow blower – what a great invention! Ryan, 1, enjoys Kindermusik classes and doesn't seem to mind that his mom can't sing very well. With sunnier days ahead, we hope the summer brings lots of fun for you and your family. Keep those updates coming!

It's a pretty-in-pink world, as our class has welcomed lots of daughters in the past few years. **Dru Abramson Perdue** and **Jarrett Perdue '96** welcomed their second daughter in September 2006. Dru has happily taken a break from teaching fifth grade to stay home with her girls, Leah and Robin. Jarrett continues to teach eighth grade in Spotsylvania County.

> ***Kelly Coleman '98 and Mike Giglio '97 welcomed triplets – Ian, Madeline, and Emma.***

Luke Sbarra and wife Jennifer welcomed daughter Emilia Frances on July 13, 2007. The family lives in Charlotte, N.C., with their yellow Labrador retriever, Ella, who loves to play fetch and go for walks. Luke is an attorney at Hedrick Gardner Kincheloe & Garofalo, and Jennifer is a consultant for a hospital system.

Margo Johnson Gillard's Ellie is now 4 and loving her second year of preschool. Margo and Tom welcomed baby Henry Laurence on March 27, 2007 – the happiest baby Margo's ever seen. The family lives in northwest Washington, D.C., and has completed renovation of their 1930s house, doing most of the work themselves. Margo occasionally does interior design work for friends.

I had a blast from the past when I heard from Randolph Third Wester **Rick Gurz**. The former hallmate lives in Falls Church, Va., and works in the financial services industry as a certified financial planner practitioner. He was studying to be a certified investment management analyst through Wharton and the Investment Management Consultants Association. His life in a nutshell: "Basically, I manage money and provide sound financial planning advice."

Another former Randolph friend, **Dianna Rowell**, volunteered at Comfort Zone Camp in Blairstown, N.J., in April and October of 2007 to help bereaved children who have lost a parent or other significant loved one. She rang in the new year in Barcelona, Spain, after which she returned home to Hoboken, N.J., and her postdoctoral fellowship at the Veterans Affairs New Jersey Healthcare System. When not working or traveling, she is an adjunct instructor at Rutgers University, plays in pool and dodge ball leagues, volunteers, and enjoys the New York metro-area social scene.

Kristen Griesert Maher '95, husband Jeff, and sons Brandon and Colin enjoyed a Disney cruise to the Caribbean, tours around Williamsburg, and fun in Ocean City. A fun fact: Kris and Jeff got married on my birthday, and Craig and I got married on Kris' birthday.

When our classmates can't write in with their news, it's great to hear from their family members. **Bob Johnson**, formerly of Springfield, N.J., is completing second year medical studies at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada, West Indies. His proud mother reports that Bob was a biologist for nine years before embarking on his medical education and "is now doing straight honor grades."

From Chelle: Wedding bells are ringing. **Kurt Jensen** married Deborah K. Hiatt of St. Louis on Dec. 11, 2007, on a beach near Waimanalo, Oahu, Hawaii. **Scott Estelle** and Channing Rich were married in the Virginia Blue Ridge Mountains in October 2007. Mary Washington alumni in attendance were **Erik Candy**, **Brian Gilligan**, **Matt Nisley '98**, **Tim Selgas '98**, **Sarah Stacy '00**, **Steve Smith '98**, and **Trent Richardson**. Scott and Channing live in Arlington, Va. **Alanna Weaver** and her fiancé, Carl, were looking forward to attending **Ally Serio** and George Younica's wedding this spring. Alanna recently started an MBA program through Drexel University.

The Class of 1997 continues to add legions of future Mary Washington students to the world. On Aug. 29, 2007, **Tara St. John Cantwell** and her husband, T.J., welcomed baby Ryan Joseph, who joins siblings Tommy and Rachel Marie. **Amanda O'Brien Milleisen** and husband Scott are the proud parents of identical twin boys, Jack Thomas and Ethan James, born Nov. 16, 2007. **Anne Mason Timberlake** and her husband, Jamie, were to add a fourth boy to their family in June.

Jeff Seaman and his wife, Martha, had their first baby, Kathryn Claibourne, in November 2007. Jeff loves his home of two years, Charlotte, N.C., where he is a regional VP for Managers Investment Group. He covers North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Georgia. **Jesse Freese** and his wife, Kelly Nykodym, had baby girl Colbie Charlotte on Dec. 20, 2007.

Zack Ward and **Becky Nelson Ward** traveled to Ethiopia in December 2007 to bring their son, Grant Tsedeke, born on June 17, home in time for the holidays. Grant joins big sister Hannah-Claire, 3½. **Julie Keefe Fusaro** and **Jason Fusaro '98** welcomed their fourth daughter, Sienna Grace, in early February. **Myon Mulhare Valentino**, **Maren Valentino**, and **Elsaris Zambrana Riefkhol** traveled to Tampa, Fla., for **Brooke Molyneux Shepard**'s baby shower. Brooke's little boy, Gavyn Wane, was born in February. Elsaris was pregnant with her first child, a boy, who was due in May.

Nicole Nash Davis and her husband, Henry Davis, were expecting their third daughter. Big sisters, Paris, 6, and Hayley, 4, couldn't wait! The Davis family is also settling into their new home in the Richmond area. **Amy Mannion** and husband were expecting their first child in April. Amy was able to catch up with **Amy Miles** and **Katie O'Leary Preston** over the holidays and spent a week in February with **Ali McEvoy Rehm** and her family in sunny Florida. Ali began a new job in the education department of the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach.

Our class keeps moving companies in business. In early December, **Patrick Lohmeyer** and **Suzette McLoone** welcomed Bridget McLoone Lohmeyer and bought a house in Falls Church, Va. – all in the same week. Patrick works at Chemonics, an international development consulting company, and Suzette is home full time with Bridget and Aidan, 2. **Katie O'Leary Preston**, **Ryan Preston**, and son Jack moved from Arlington, Va., to New York in November. Ryan is an associate director in the New York City office of Convergent Wealth Advisors, and Katie consults with architects and interior designers on marketing strategies. **Brooke Catlett** and her husband, Mike, planned to move to Richmond, Va., this summer with their son, Grant. Brooke is the assistant principal of an elementary school in Northern Virginia.

Some of our classmates took on new career challenges. **Colleen Minion Uuereb** started a new job in December as an education and outreach specialist with Thurston County Solid Waste in Olympia, Wash. **Wendy Gehring** recently left the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., for a position with the office of the federal coordinator for Gulf Coast rebuilding in New Orleans. She serves as the director of field operations and oversees multiple projects in the federal coordinator's office.

Cynthia Owen Seifert moved in March from Austin, Texas, to Dallas with her husband, Eric, and their daughter, Arden. Until Cynthia finds a new job in Dallas, she has taken on the hardest job in the world: at-home mom! Arden just celebrated her first birthday. **Peter Sullivan** had a small singing role in a modern-day adaptation of the 1969 musical *Hello Dolly*, performed by a community theater group in Delphos, Ohio. Peter volunteered for the part to inspire the students in his physical education class and reported that he basically lost a bet to a fifth-grader. Peter hopes his career as a teacher turns out better than his singing career.

Distance is not keeping classmates from staying in touch. In March, **Elise Balkin Ice** of Cleveland, Ohio, **Abby Baird Bartley** of Roanoke, Va., **Melinda Del Vishio O'Neill** of North Wales, Pa., and **Susan Lee Metzger** of Manhattan, Kan., met for a mini-reunion in Charlotte, N.C., the hometown of **Susan McAllister Walker**. Abby, Melinda, and Susan brought along their adorable children, including Abby's newest, 4-month-old son Keaton. In May, **Dana Halsey Banwart '98** took her first trip to Kansas to visit Susan. **Jason Terril** saw Istanbul (not Constantinople) when he toured through Turkey in October. He also traveled to New York City in February and caught up with **Bridget Malone** and **Jennifer Rees Schulze**, along with Jennifer's husband Will, in New Jersey.

> ***Steve Terpak '97 and his law partner are in their fifth year managing their Arlington, Va., firm, Terpak & Associates, where they concentrate on immigration, injury, estate, and traffic law.***

Jennifer "Fer" Fearnow Elkins and **Kenny Elkins** celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary in January. They live in Mechanicsville, Va., and have a son, 6, and a daughter, 3. Kenny is a financial planner with Equity Concepts. Jennifer stopped teaching fifth grade to be at home with her kids, and she works part time at her church. The Elkinses went to Disney World with 11 family members in February.

Steve Terpak lives in Fairfax, Va., with his wife, Naurin, and their daughter. They were eagerly awaiting the arrival of a baby girl in July. Steve and his law partner are in their fifth year managing their Arlington, Va., law firm, Terpak & Associates, where they concentrate on immigration, injury, estate, and traffic law. Steve enjoys his ongoing professional and personal relationships with the numerous Mary Washington alumni in the Washington, D.C., area.

It has been fun reconnecting with classmates on Facebook, seeing photos, and sharing stories. Thank you again for everyone who takes the time to send news.

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First, my apologies to all for lapsing in my duties as Class Agent. Hopefully, this update will make up for the news you've been missing in the past issue or two. Here's hoping this news finds all of you well as we get ready to celebrate our 10-year reunion this summer!

If there were an award to give for most thoughtful update, without a doubt it would go to **Josh Bacigalupi**, who mailed me a letter from Fort Bragg, N.C., with news that his National Guard Unit out of Ithaca, N.Y., was federally mobilized for active duty deployment in Afghanistan. He spent several weeks in Fort Bragg and will spend a year in Afghanistan. He writes that it was difficult to leave his wife and family, but "this will definitely be an adventure." Josh, we're all thinking of you and hoping for your safe return.

My husband, **Deacon Chapin**, and I recently bought a house in Madison, Conn. I am the associate director of college counseling at Hopkins School in New Haven, and Deacon is a school counselor at Watertown High School. We ask that you all raise a glass – or can – in memory of Pabst, our best friend, our dog, and the unofficial Mary Washington mascot, who died in March.

Jen Carter is finishing her second year at Richmond's Baptist Theological Seminary and hopes to move over to VCU in the fall to continue her dual master's degrees in divinity and social work. She is in her fifth year as a social worker at Lakewood Manor Retirement Community and loves her job. Through seminary, she has reconnected with fellow M-Dub alumni – most of whom are younger than she! – which has been fun. She ran her third marathon last year and was looking forward to running the inaugural Marine Corps Half Marathon in Fredericksburg in May.

Shelly Singley Adkins, my first college friend, and her husband have three sons: John, 7, Samuel, 5, and Noah, born in September. At some point, the Adkins and Fusaro families should probably get together, as **Jason Fusaro** and his wife, **Julia Keefe '97**, welcomed their fourth daughter, Sienna Grace, in February. Could this be the next generation of Mary Washington couples?

Adrien Snedeker added Dickerson to her last name in front of lots of college friends on New Year's Eve. We all counted ourselves lucky to ring in 2008 at a great party surrounded by friends from the past 10 years. One of the wedding celebrants was **Tim "Thor" Roberts**, who was probably taking notes since he and his fiancée, **Sarah Chinn '04**, recently were engaged. Tim earned his second master's degree from UMW and works as a school administrator. **Brian Lusk** and wife Andrea were there; they live outside of New York City in New Jersey, where Brian works for Accenture. Others included ushers **Josh Parker '99**, who works as a teen counselor at a church in Williamsburg; **Clint McCarthy**, who made the long journey from Olympia, Wash., where he is an avid mountain climber and transportation advisor to the governor; **Robb Braidwood '99**; and **Todd Hamlin '99**. Robb's son, Sam, served as the ring bearer, and Robb and wife **Ashley Lewis Braidwood** helped the little one navigate the long journey down the aisle.

Todd Hamlin works as a project manager at Macro International for Larry Luskin, not to be confused with Brian Lusk. Todd plays soccer in Northern Virginia with his lady friend, KB, and another Todd Hamlin – long story.

Others in attendance included Todd's roommates **Stefan Anderson '99** and **Adam Smith '96**, **Chris** and **Jayme Van Horn**, **Kyle** and **Sheila Elledge Courtney**, **Rob** and **Kelly Long Cushing '99**, **Carrie Barber '99**, **Nicole Levangie Bent**, **Felicity Smith** and husband **John Day '97**, **Lina Marunas**, **Alistair Millar '99** and wife Ali, **Dana Hamel '99**, **Darien Berkowitz Jacobson** and husband Andy, **Katie Shea**, and **Vickie Blevins**.

Members of the "Hanover Mansion" crew are all doing well. **Anne Wenthe Turner** lives in Westfield, N.J., and is loving life as a mom to Ryan, 3, and Benjamin Edward, born in December. Anne and husband Jon enjoy traveling and spending time with the boys. **Amanda "Mandy" Grandle Freds** is thrilled that Anne is only 45 minutes away now; Mandy's husband, Will, was assigned to West Point, N.Y. – the place they met 12 years ago! They have William, 5, and Jackson, 1, running around yelling "beat Navy" and pestering sponsored cadets! **Maureen Southard Townsend** is in Manassas, Va., working as a librarian at Northern Virginia Community College. She and husband Mark have a 2-year-old son, Jack. The foursome is complete with **Christie Cavolo Orndorff**, who recently relocated with her husband, Brian, to Scottsdale, Ariz., where Christie works as a marketing consultant. Although the others were sad to see Christie leave the East Coast right as they all had been reunited, the Orndorffs love life in the fun and sun of the West. A reunion trip to Arizona is in the works for the near future.

Sara Reese Quinty and husband Joe share their lives in Florida with an adopted, retired racing greyhound, Cappuccino, and daughter Olivia Alexandra, born in December. Sara, a

sixth-grade teacher, has been racing in Ironman triathlons for four years and is sponsored by *Her Sports* magazine.

Joselle Poblette Duncan and her husband, Callum, welcomed daughter Charlotte Ellinne in January. Charlotte's middle name is a combination of her grandmothers' names: Ellen and Corinne.

Anitra Pool Fenderson and her husband, Tripp, celebrated the first birthday of daughter Ayn Doherty in March. **Tara McGintee Gibbs** and husband Dave have two sons – Owen, 2, and Colin William, born in December.

Tim Deyesu and wife **Lesley Deyesu '00** welcomed their second child, Mary Harper, in August. The family lives in Myrtle Beach, and Tim is the assistant general manager of The Ripken Experience.

Wendy Sulc enjoys winters with temperatures near 80 degrees in balmy Miami. She and her husband, Greg, welcomed daughter Natalie Grace just in time for Christmas. It turns out that 2007 was a big year for baby girls among the Bushnell Fourth North Crew. Natalie joined friends Emily Elisabeth, daughter of **Abby Mitchell** and husband Ben, and Lily Anne, daughter of **Amy Wachenfeld Eagen** and husband Tim.

Kelly Coleman received a master's degree in professional writing from Carnegie Mellon University. In 2003, after they'd dated for seven years, she married **Mike Giglio '97**, who works as a physician's assistant after getting his advanced degree from George Washington University. In July of 2006, Mike and Kelly welcomed triplets – Ian, Madeline, and Emma. The family of five lives in Northern Virginia. Mike works in the ER at Fairfax Hospital, and Kelly works two days each week at EDS in Herndon.

Betsy Maldonado Sauer and husband Bryan had a baby boy last fall. Her friend **Caitlin Jenkins** lives with husband Jason Losh in Brooklyn. Caitlin works as an art conservator at the Brooklyn Museum. Another good college friend of Betsy and Caitlin, **Sarah Geiger Luisi**, and her husband, **Mike Luisi '97**, live in Annapolis and were awaiting the arrival of daughter Elizabeth's sibling in June.

Cecelia Gibson Walls received a master's degree in museum studies from the University of Leicester in 2005. She married Gene in November; the couple lives in Falls Church, and Cece works as a registrar at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

Jeremy Blain and wife Jen live with their children, Ellen and Jason, in Springfield. Jeremy is senior manager at Booz Allen and was to complete his MBA at Johns Hopkins in April. He hoped finishing school would leave him with enough time to work on some home projects and finally take the miter saw he received two Christmases ago out of its original packaging.

Jeremy wrote that **Lars Thestrup** and his wife, Heather, live in Chapel Hill, N.C., where Lars is chief paramedic for the entire county. **Mike "Pasta" Paolino** celebrated his 32nd birthday with a trip to the Bahamas with his wife, Diane, and their 15-month-old daughter, Hannah. On the way back, they visited with **Jeff Seaman '97**, wife Martha, and their 3-month-old daughter, Kate, in Charlotte, N.C. The Paolinos are looking forward to an invasion of Mary Washington grads in Rhode Island this summer for **JT Tani**'s August wedding on Block Island. **Sean Tuffy** made a quick trip across the pond to celebrate at **Eric Kloss'** stag party with **Mike Cirami**. Apparently "stag party" is a fancy name used in Ireland for bachelor party. **Wes Heuvel** got engaged in February while vacationing in St. Lucia. He and his fiancée plan a summer '09 wedding.

By the time you read this, **Alyson Andrews Ramsey** and her husband, Peter, should be the proud parents of two. Daughter Sarah was born two years ago. **Niki Gonyo** planned to be married this summer to Phillip Throckmorton. She lives in Woodbridge, Va., and works as a reading specialist for Prince William County Public Schools. **Chris Bagley** and wife **Jen Koster** celebrated daughter Logan Cate's first birthday in February.

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Correction: Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom's nephew, **Stephen Clendenin '11**, is a freshman at UMW.

I have just finished my first year teaching at Trinity School in Atlanta and have loved every minute of it. This summer, they are sending me out West to tour seven national parks and put together a new curriculum for our forest unit. I am really excited to see the Hoh temperate rainforest and Crater Lake! Please continue to send me your updates, and tell your friends to do the same.

Kerry Andres Costanzo married **Stephen Costanzo '00** and lives in Strasburg, Va. Stephen is special services director at Seton Home Study School in Front Royal. On July 25, 2007, they welcomed their fourth child, Luke Michael Joseph. Older brother Dominic was born July 25, 2005! Kerry home schools and takes care of her children.

Joy Conoscenti Spencer and husband Todd live in Newport News, Va. Joy does e-commerce in the IT department of Ferguson Enterprises and loves it. Son Chase – 3 as of June and the only grandchild on both sides – is spoiled rotten. Joy and Todd are expecting their second child in October.

Terri Seidl '98 married high school sweetheart Brett Haas; they have two children, Faith and Lucas, and live in the Atlanta suburb of Marietta. Brett is the principal software engineer for Autotrader.com, and Terri is a science teacher at Cornerstone Preparatory Academy.

In February, **Martha Smith** gave up her job at CBS. *Not* to name-drop, but she is happily working on a subway thriller starring Denzel Washington and John Travolta. She is SO happy to be back with costumes.

Megan Sheils earned a master of library science degree and is a reference librarian at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. She spends a lot of time planning the inaugural summer of *Girls Rock! DC*, a rock-and-roll camp for girls, and is roommates in D.C. with Nancy **Eddy '00**.

> ***Martha Smith '99 worked on costumes for a subway thriller starring Denzel Washington and John Travolta.***

In February of this year, **Kristin Ruhl Bergstrom** suddenly lost her father. Former classmates **Katy Buchanan**, **Paul Storer**, and I were there in Lewisburg, Pa., for the service and support. On a happier note, her daughter, Addison, 2, is a pro at enjoying the Florida sun and riding her scooter.

Joe Tompkins separated from the Air Force last July and began doing force protection work as a defense contractor with BAE Systems. In December, he left them to snatch up a civilian job back in his old office as a transnational threat analyst for the Air Force and has just started his USAF Reserve duty. So, in six months, he has had three jobs, moved 15 feet, and only changed desks twice – sweet!

Steve Charnoff plans to marry **Katie Fry '00** this summer. He still practices law and lives in Arlington.

Katy Buchanan is still exploring Northern Virginia. She recently traveled to Hawaii and Key West for business. Her son, Nicholas, 4, got his first real bike – with training wheels, of course!

Susanne Eymer married last April; **Carol Chace**, **Martha Smith**, and **Carrie Williams** were in the wedding; **Laura Reilly Lewis**, **Claire Wagner**, and **Leah Morris** were guests. The couple lives in Arlington, where Susanne does counseling in Washington, D.C., and plans to soon have her professional counseling license. She is involved in the Capital Alumni Network in D.C., which brings together alumni chapters from all over the country for social events, community service, and sports. She would love for more D.C. metro Mary Washington alums to get involved.

Kyle and **Amy Conway Colin** are married, and, after having bounced around from New Jersey to Maryland, have settled in Philadelphia. Amy is a speech and language pathologist at Children's Hospital, and Kyle is an attorney. Daughter Maille James was born Nov. 1, 2006.

Erin Murphy Thorp and her family have moved back to Northern Virginia; she was expecting her second child last month.

Meredith Wilcox Thomas and husband Ryan were expecting their first child in June. They were looking forward to the old-fashioned surprise of learning whether it was a boy or a girl.

Beth LaMantia married ODU-graduate JJ Rafferty September 2006, and he surprised her with a two-week honeymoon in Bora-Bora. She said it was incredible! They own a home in Arlington. Beth enjoys working in finance management at an investment firm downtown.

Erika Meredith enjoys the sunshine of Flagstaff, Ariz., where she is student teaching and having a blast. She planned to finish a master's degree in art education from Northern Arizona University in May. She'll be certified to teach K-12 and can't wait to have her own classroom. Her husband, Ted, also planned to graduate in May with a master's degree in archaeology. Last fall, they moved 25 miles out of town – out to the middle of nowhere – to be caretakers for a beautiful future ranch property. There are cows, jackrabbits, antelope, eagles, coyotes, and more bluebirds than Erika has ever seen!

Aaron Davis married Alison Evans in Kent Island, Md., in March. **Darian Klare** and **Andrew Rothschild** were in the wedding, and all of Aaron's old roommates, including **Peyton Davis**, **Kyle Colin**, **Dave Kohne**, and **Brad Hopper** (who was expecting his second child early this year) attended. Aaron and Alison live in the Petworth neighborhood of Washington, D.C. He teaches second grade in Virginia, and she works for the EPA. Ali was in the Peace Corps, too, and they hope she gets a job with the Foreign Service so that they can live abroad again.

Brad Hopper was expecting his second child early this year. Darian Klare planned to marry Allison Brown in the Outer Banks on April 26. Darian lives in Washington, D.C., and Aaron Davis says it's nice to hang out with him there.

John Hallett and **Susan Heller Hallett** welcomed their first child, Mary Elizabeth, on March 5.

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My husband, Roger, and I decided to extend our time here in Okinawa, Japan, for three more years, so we'll have plenty of time to do all the exploration of Asia that we want to. Our biggest news is

that I'm pregnant with our second child, who is due in September. My 3-year-old, Emily, looks forward to being a big sister, and she's certain the baby will be a girl. We'll have to wait to find out if she's correct!

Jessica Bonano left Washington, D.C., to travel throughout Southeast Asia. I've been keeping up with her adventures on her blog, and Jessica and I hope to meet up in Taiwan while she's over here in my neck of the woods.

I continue to be proud of our UMW classmates who still rally in support of Class of 2000 friend **Rob Wall**. As you may recall, Rob was paralyzed in an accident in 2005 and continues with his treatment. There will be another benefit run for Rob this fall in Leesburg, Va. Anyone interested in running, raising money, or helping out can contact Mary Larkin Quinlan at maryfrances1@yahoo.com. Thanks for all the updates, and please continue sending them.

Susie Jackson Bull and husband Josh live in New York City and welcomed their first child, Penelope Jane, in October.

Tara Webster Flores lives in southern Maryland and works for NAVAIR. She recently finished her MBA, is married to Alexis Flores, and has two daughters, 2-year-old Jasmin and 5-month-old Janelle.

Kerry Layne Adam lives in Alexandria with husband Mike and teaches middle school science.

Suzy Hayes Brown is busy juggling her job with the FBI, her new home in Fredericksburg, her responsibilities as a wife and as a mother to toddler Julianna, and her dogs, Max and Minnie.

Jessica Cebula planned to finish anesthesia residency in June and start a pain management fellowship at St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan. She was looking forward to her September 2008 wedding and her upcoming move to New York.

Jessica Bergner '01 planned to travel to Africa with her mother this summer to complete her quest to travel to all seven continents.

Jessica wrote to give updates on a few of her UMW friends. **Erin Casey**, still an athlete, is in vet school in Atlanta. **Tricia Merrill** married **Matt Morgan**. They live in Reston, Va., and do ministry in their parish with their two daughters, Hope and Maddie. **Missy Schmidt** lives in Madrid, Spain, received her MBA, works for Reebok, and according to her pictures, is living it up!

Tony Saitta moved to Dallas from Edgewater, N.J., in October. During a hike in the Organ Mountains, he became engaged to Aubri Janecka in her hometown of Las Cruces, N.M., where they plan to marry in late 2008 or early 2009. Tony is a district sales manager in the major accounts department of ADP.

Before Tony moved to Dallas, his daily golf partner was **Brian Sabatelli**. Brian is pursuing a master's degree and has been a police officer with the Fairfield Police Department for a couple of years. He recently bought a house with his girlfriend in northern New Jersey.

Tony is in close contact with classmates **Barry Fadely**, who is a manager for Luck Stone Corp. in Raleigh, N.C., and **Pat Langley**, who is a successful business owner in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Breanna Carey Havel lives in Monterey, Calif., with husband Patrick and daughter Lorelei, while Patrick attends the Naval Postgraduate School. They are expecting their second child in September.

Jill Ellis Frank ran her first half marathon in September. She and husband Andy enjoy their house and three acres in Dayton, Md.

Peter Zachariasen plans to marry Shannon Falls Aug. 9, 2008, in Northern Virginia. The wedding party will include **Peter Hua '98, Brian Roinestad '02, Marisa Bodnar, Karen Martin Friedel, Steve Donahoe**, and **Brian Savage '01**. Others who are invited are **Lisa Hua '98, Geoff Bradley, Jacob Galba-Bright '99, Kristen Bertini, Teresa Franklin Savage**, and **Jamie Currie Eavey**. Peter is an Oracle DBA at a large energy company, while Shannon is a first-grade teacher for Prince William County.

Kate Graham married Michael Dodd last summer. They live in Norfolk, where Kate teaches fourth grade.

Suzanne "Suzy" Hayes Brown and husband Donald bought a house in Spotsylvania in September. Her work at the FBI and her family keep her busy.

Jennifer Johnson Smullen and her husband live in Richmond and welcomed their first child, Madelyn Page, on Dec. 31.

Lizzie Perrin Barnes and husband Brian live in Locust Grove, Va., and had their first child, Jack Perrin Barnes, on Oct. 20, 2007. Lizzie teaches in Spotsylvania County.

Former Class Agent **Kristin DeGraff** left a job at MetLife to work as a resort recruiter in the corporate offices of Wyndham Vacation Ownership in Orlando, Fla. She bought a cute townhome "nowhere near work," so during her commute, she practices her Spanish and singing for her performance group, Sing Live USA. She also writes, "Can you throw in that I did a couple of 5Ks at Walt Disney World this year?"

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Paula Snell is a seminarian at Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond and is working toward a master of divinity degree.

Eric Richko and wife Anna welcomed their first child, Spencer Eric, on Dec. 18. Before that, in August, they bought a home in West Babylon, N.Y., where Eric is an instructional designer for Cablevision.

Jason Nevitt and his fiancée, Elizabeth Kelsey, plan to marry in Boothbay Harbor, Maine, during Memorial Day weekend 2009.

Andrew Ward lives in New Orleans and is writing his dissertation. He also works as a New Orleans tour guide, is a member of the Louisiana Historical Society, and is the announcer for the Big Easy Roller Girls. In August, he was featured on the front page of *The Times-Picayune* for being a Young Urban Rebuilding Professional, and he rode on his first Mardi Gras float.

Caroline Jarvis lives in London and loves it. She is pursuing her MBA at Cass Business School. Last summer, she travelled to Tanzania, where she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro before going on safari and visiting Zanzibar. This spring, her travels and her classes were to take her to Poland, Dubai, and China.

Wendy Ramirez planned to receive her master's degree in social work from George Mason University in May. She lives in the Washington, D.C., area and works in the field of social work policy. She keeps in touch with close friends **Tiffany Wooten, Kathleen Laskey**, and **Ann Lane**, who also live and work in the D.C. area.

Melissa Wilson was hired in January 2007 as the first collections manager of the American Precision Museum in Windsor, Vt. She recently moved to Newport, N.H., where she bought her first home.

UMW Alumni Travel Opportunities

The UMW Alumni Travel Program provides opportunities for Mary Washington alumni and friends to share international travel and cultural experiences. Upcoming offerings include:

Trip to Tuscany
October 4 to 12, 2008

Expedition to Antarctica
February 8 to 21, 2009

The Danube River and Habsburg Empire
May 30 to June 10, 2009

Cruising the Baltic Sea and Norwegian Fjords
June 22 to July 4, 2009

Great Journey through Europe
June 27 to July 7, 2009

Village Life in England's Cotswolds
July 26 to August 3, 2009

Island Life in Ancient Greece
September 27 to October 5, 2009

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Karen Graver lives in Burke, Va., nd is pursuing a doctoral degree in hysics at George Mason University. In ugust, she became engaged to **Nathan aillie '02**, whom she met in the physics epartment at Mary Washington. hey planned to marry last month in irginia.

Mandi Stover Hyson recently oved to the Grand Rapids, Mich., area ith her husband, Rob, and their three ildren, Daniel, Emma, and Will. They oved to help Mandi's sister with her n son after he was diagnosed with lateral retinoblastoma. Mandi has arted work on a master of social work egree at Western Michigan University, nd she works in family preservation rvices for Catholic Charities West lichigan. Rob is pursuing a bachelor's egree in architectural drafting.

Katherine Hunt Sanford married regory Sanford in December, and ey planned to move to San Diego in ugust.

Teresa Joerger Mannix and her sband, Mark, recently traveled Spain, France, and Italy on a editerranean cruise to celebrate their th wedding anniversary.

Zac Sargent moved back to oston after living for a year and half San Francisco, where he worked as a otographer. He is a project manager r the construction consultant firm /E/C Solutions Inc.

Sara Harney Correll lives in ainesville, Va., with her husband, Jim. hey were expecting their first child cently.

Michelle Leary is now an at-home om for Aidan, 3, and Noah, 10 months.

John Montez was the summer 06 Virginia representative to the residential Academy for American istory and Civics as well as the mmer 2007 Gilder Lehrman Institute American History fellow. He also as the fellow at the Ashbrook Center r Public Affairs at Ashland University nd completed a master's degree in ducation at Old Dominion University December.

Gina Clough planned to marry er fiancé, Mike Leonard, last month nd to have **Jessica Mellington**, **Sara arney Corell**, and **Anna Stensvaag** bridesmaids. Gina is a fifth-grade ecial education teacher in Alexandria, ith **Seth Kennard** as her new assistant rincipal.

Theresa Furlong lives in ichmond, where she is a project anager for Capital One.

Kim Jebson serves as the executive rector of Windmore Foundation for e Arts, a non-profit arts organization Culpeper, Va., that serves the iedmont.

Matt Selwyn and **Ariel Hatfield elwyn** celebrated their sixth nniversary in January. They have three ildren and were expecting again in ay. Ariel stays home with the kids and has begun home schooling, while Matt continues to work as a civilian at the Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren.

Gina Han lives in downtown Fredericksburg and is in her fourth year of teaching high school biology and anatomy in Stafford County. She also keeps busy with treatments to fight off breast cancer but is as happy and strong as ever.

Lauren Oviatt Brennan welcomed her son, Aiden, on Nov. 3. She and her husband continue to work at Brown University.

Jessica Bergner completed a master's degree in education with an emphasis in educational supervision and leadership at U.Va. last summer. She planned to travel to Africa with her mother this summer to complete her quest to travel to all seven continents. She teaches sixth-grade math in Oakton, Va.

Kimberly Starr Price Rowan earned a doctorate in counseling psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University in December and works for Georgia Southern University's counseling center.

Lori Clemons Bridges is a physician's assistant at an urgent care center in Raleigh, N.C., where she lives. Her son is 3, and she was expecting another.

Michelle Carr, who is engaged to be married on Aug. 2, is starting a small education-related business and teaches in Prince William County, Va.

Erin Caldwell and her husband live in Richmond and welcomed their first child, Lillian Virginia Caldwell, in October. Erin works for an international nonprofit that provides healthcare to children in Honduras.

Laura Indzeris Johnson is a program director for an IT marketing firm. She and husband **Tom Johnson '97** live in Athens, Georgia.

Mary "Amanda" Hedleston Dierling, husband Jay, and sons, 2-year-old Michael and 1-year-old Daniel, were overjoyed to welcome the newest member of the family, Ian Walker, on Sept. 27. **Laura Quinn '00** and **Kevin Libby '02** travelled to Pennsylvania to be Ian's godparents. Amanda, a happy at-home mom, is active in theater, and directed and acted for the local community theater group last summer.

Madelyn Marino is taking on a new role at American Express as part of an HR rotation program. In April, she planned to move to London for eight months then spend another eight months in a different location.

Jeff Farthing married the Hokie bird in January 2007 – wife Amy was the Hokie bird while she was at Virginia Tech. They live in Chester, Va., with their two dogs. In December 2007, Jeff received a master of education degree in school counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Mike Parker married Kelly McCain on Sept. 22 in Greensboro, N.C. Mary Washington alums **Matt Hooker**, **Erik Dorman**, **Eric Lau** (who was at Mary Washington in 1998 and 1999), and **Mike Santay** were in the wedding. Mike and Kelly live in Burlington, N.C., where Mike is the general manager for Precision Golf School and Tennis Academy; Kelly is the assistant women's tennis coach at Duke University.

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Ashley Davitt and **Derek Simpkins** were married on Oct. 6, 2007, in Chesterfield, Va. **Melissa Naeger Dolenc '04**, **Heather Pritchett '04**, and **Melissa Grimsley Stoner** were bridesmaids. Also in attendance were **Timothy Stoner** and **Grant Garber**. Ashley and Derek honeymooned in Las Vegas and Honolulu, and they live in Falls Church, Va., where they spend weekends cheering on the Philadelphia Eagles. Ashley works at a social science research firm and is pursuing a master's degree in applied developmental psychology. Derek works for an investment services firm and is working toward his CFA certificate.

Pash, the band of Meredith Munoz '05, released its second album,* The Best Gun, *in August. Band members include Jon Bibb '06 and Erik Bruner-Yang '07.

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Kat Amirpashaie attends the University of Richmond School of Law.

Meara Henley planned to receive a master's degree in nursing from Marquette University this year and to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. In June, she planned to marry Ryan Peterson of Lakeland, Minn., at the Gesu Cathedral on the Marquette campus in Milwaukee. **Sarah Cannon** and **Shawn Brown** planned to attend the wedding.

Cara Stout loves her second year at the College of Charleston in South Carolina, where she works as an admissions counselor. She is also pursuing her master's degree in communication. She enjoys the beach, making memories with her friends, and continuing her year-long relationship with Nathaniel Pelletier, a nuclear power instructor in the Navy.

Mario Alfaro is a Realtor and mortgage loan officer; he also is involved in directing films and has a few projects coming soon. He recently acted in an independent film and loved it, and he would like to move to Los Angeles in the near future.

Laura Rawlett returned from the Peace Corps in Ghana; then, in March, she began a one-year stint teaching English to elementary school students in Seoul, Korea.

2006

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After six fantastic years in Fredericksburg, I moved back to Reston, Va., and accepted an account representative position at COR Concepts, a marketing firm in McLean, and I hope to move into upper management before the next issue of *TODAY* magazine is published! I will be back to visit my Fredericksburg family often but would love to reconnect with classmates in the Northern Virginia area.

Brydon Cooke lives in Richmond and is a youth minister for an Episcopal church in Richmond's West End.

Todd Curran is enjoying the beach life in Charleston, S.C., where he has been a project manager for HD Supply since May 2007. He plans to reignite Omnicab next spring after a two-year hiatus.

After graduation, **Annice Mulhare '07** got a job as a residential counselor with the Rappahannock Area Community Services Board's crisis stabilization program. She leads group and individual therapy for those who are suicidal, homicidal, and psychotic. Annice planned to marry Fredericksburg local David Johnson on June 14, 2008, on Cape Cod in Chatham, Mass., and move to Boulder, Colo., to pursue her master's degree in transpersonal counseling art therapy from Naropa University, a Buddhist school specializing in alternative psychologies such as wilderness, art, and music therapy.

For the past two years, **Megan C. Moroney** has lived in Littleton, Colo., and works in downtown Denver as a lease analyst for Fidelity Exploration & Production Co., the oil and gas segment of MDU Resources. She bought her own home with views of the Rocky Mountains last August! She also is the president of her company's charity committee and is applying to become a puppy foster parent for one of the shelters in her area. She has a wonderful boyfriend, great friends, and coworkers, and the new love of her life is a 7-month-old kitten named Kiki.

Emily Langley has lived in Arlington since graduation and has worked as an assistant paralegal for a corporate immigration law firm for the last two years.

Rachel Hundley lives in Bridgewater, Va.; is a family services advocate for Shenandoah Valley Head Start, where she enjoys working with 4-year-olds and their families; and works part time at her church.

Jen Fitzsimmons works at The Inn at Little Washington in Washington, Va., as part of her coursework to earn her degree from The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. She plans to graduate in January 2009 and to pursue a career as a wine sommelier.

Elizabeth Cranford moved to Boston last August and works with a great group of 3-year-olds at the Harvard University preschool Peabody Terrace Children's Center, which bases its curriculum on the Reggio-Emilia approach. She loves Boston.

Emily Walsh and **Mary McCarthy** planned a trip to Costa Rica in May to visit Peace Corps volunteer **Chad Chadbourn**.

Russell Friedell '07 lives in Ithaca, N.Y., and manages touring rock band Jimkata. If you live in the Northeast, you can catch him as he tours around throughout spring and into summer in cities including New York, Boston, and Baltimore.

Rachelle Slotnick is finishing her last year of culinary school at the CIA in Hyde Park, N.Y. She spent an exciting six months working as a culinary extern at the Museum of Modern Art. She anticipates moving back to the Washington, D.C., area to find a job after she graduates in May.

Katy Hershberger lives in New York City and works in book publishing. She was recently promoted to publicist at St. Martin's Press and has done some freelance music journalism for magazines and websites.

Kristen Borkoski received her MBA with a concentration in human resource management in May from Stony Brook University and will pursue her career in the New York City area.

Colleen Creegan Deere married on Nov. 17, 2007, in New York, to Stephen Deere, who graduated from the College of the Holy Cross. The wedding was attended by several '06 UMW graduates, including **Andrea Perez**, who was a bridesmaid. Steve and Colleen live near Fort Riley, Kan., where he is stationed as a lieutenant in the Army. She is a full-time student at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., where she is pursuing a master's degree in English and professional writing. She works part time at a local law firm.

Kathleen Colduvell '07 planned to graduate from Villanova University in July as a registered nurse with a bachelor of science in nursing degree. Afterward, she will pursue a career as a clinical nurse specialist in the neonatal intensive care unit. She lives in Philadelphia and plans a November 2008 wedding to Robert Bulafka.

Ben Franklin recently completed his second year at Boston University School of Law and spent the spring studying law at Oxford University. He planned to be a summer associate at McDermott, Will & Emery in Washington, D.C.

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Jay finished working on Margi Vanderhye's campaign in the 34th District last November, and with **Douglas Axelrod**, **Sang-Min Yoon**, **Hardian Muljadi**, and **Jack Lloyd**, founded MJA Web Design LLC, a company for small businesses. Jay hopes to attend law school this year or next.

Daniel is closing in on his second year with Cary Street Partners LLC, an investment banking and advisory firm. He and a colleague have been actively pursuing several independent real estate investment opportunities in the region. Daniel attended the UMW Centennial Celebration in March and had a great time catching up with old friends.

Joe Petrusiak and **Carolanne Anderson** live in Fairfax and planned to marry on June 21. She is an accountant at PBGH LLP, and he teaches Spanish at Westfield High School.

Sarah Sherman began pursuing her master's degree in English with a concentration in cultural and performance studies at U.Va. last fall. She plans to finish a thesis on avant-garde performance and film and to graduate in December. Last winter, she went on an awesome trip to Israel.

> ***Annice Mulhare '07 planned to pursue her master's degree in transpersonal counseling art therapy from Naropa University, a Buddhist school specializing in alternative psychologies.***

Elizabeth Williams is an English teacher at J.R. Tucker High School in Henrico County and just got engaged to Jonathan Nichols, a graduate of the University of Richmond. They plan to marry April 2009 in her hometown of Pittsburgh and move to Woodlake in Chesterfield, Va.

Tom Allison works in Washington, D.C., for Media Matters, monitoring and debunking misinformation in the media.

Stefanie Parker continues her second semester at Yale Law School and visited **Josh Rutherford** and **Maggie Kelley** in Boston. Josh is studying psychology at Boston University and planned to receive his master's degree in May. Afterward, he plans to work at Massachusetts General Hospital, conducting research in the department of psychiatry.

Samantha Blackburn was hired by Boeing as an event planner/conference center support staff member. She will live in Manassas with her senior year roommate, **Becky Kilby '06**.

Samantha Merz is director of Broadway Gallery, an art gallery in Northern Virginia; her work involves fine art sales, custom framing, networking, and event planning. She plans to pursue her master's degree in museum studies.

Laura Hatmaker is still teaching English on the JET Programme in Japan, where she has traveled extensively. She hopes to go to Thailand soon and planned to come back to the United States in August and to live in Chantilly, Va.

Celeste LeRoux is a development coordinator at America Abroad Media.

This summer, **Kristen Matthews** plans to work for a mission organization called Youthworks, which teaches youth how to run practices and scrimmages for community children. Afterward, Kristen plans to work for the Discovery School of Virginia, advising young men on healthy relationships and living.

Chelsea Cartwright plans to pursue a master's degree in music and music education at Columbia University's Teachers College in New York City.

Ashley Schumann moved to Exton, Pa., and is pursuing her teaching certification in elementary education at West Chester University.

Jonathan Martens purchased a Yahama R6 motorcycle and landed a paralegal position in Washington D.C., at Crispin & Greenberg, which primarily deals with litigation and communications law. He hopes to take the LSAT and move on to law school.

Peter Clark spent June 2007 through February 2008 doing a variety of development projects to initiate community transformation with the nonprofit group Sports Friends in Ethiopia and Nigeria.

Beth Hitchcock works full time for a political consultation company that does bipartisan, but mostly Republican, political research used to run both state and federal campaigns. Beth hopes to move to Egypt for graduate education. She is battling an advanced form of Lyme disease that's 85 percent debilitating, but she remains optimistic.

Andrew Peters recently moved in with 2007 classmates **Hardian Muljadi** and **Douglas Axelrod** in Alexandria, Va., and works as a GIS analyst for Dewberry Corp.

Katie Donohue was a language and culture assistant in Huelva, Spain, from October 2007 to June 2008. She is a recipient of a fully-funded grant from the Embassy of Spain Counsel of Science and Education. Katie teaches English at a public high school, travels in Europe, and is involved in other cultural exchanges.

Alex Fletcher has joined Neil Funkhouser Artists Management, based in New York City, where he assists in managing a roster of opera singers and conductors. He has also written for *Classical Singer* magazine.

Cindy Abernathy entered the counseling psychology program at Towson University; she has been seeing clients, both at work and at school, all year and says it has been very fulfilling. She is also working on a thesis about creativity and psychosis, trying to understand to what degree creativity is its own coping mechanism for people with mental problems. She is a career counselor at Goucher College and at Towson University Counseling Center.

Andrew Goodwin works in sales for the best practices/executive

networking firm Corporate Executive Board in Washington, D.C. He hopes to move into new business development or research within the year.

Amanda Grubbs married Jeremy Kent in September, and they moved to Alexandria, Va., where Amanda is a project analyst at the project portfolio management and software development firm Metier, Ltd.

Andrea Rajacic does sales for Raven New York LLC in the meatpacking district in Manhattan. She is looking at grad schools – one in France and one in Italy – to study management in luxury goods, and she'd like to start in September 2009.

Ken Coulter moved to Seattle, Wash., where he works with Boeing.

Andrew L. Napier moved back to his hometown, Front Royal, Va., and serves on the administrative staff at Wayside Theatre, works in the tasting room at Linden Vineyards, and does website design on the side.

Stacy Boyd and **Jeanine Petrigliano** are mental health technicians at Remuda Ranch in Milford, Va.

Justin Baker planned to receive his MBA, with a concentration in accounting, from UMW this spring.

Thanks to everyone for all of your submissions!

Katie Donohue '07 served as a language and culture assistant in Huelva, Spain, and received a fully-funded grant from the Embassy of Spain Counsel of Science and Education.

In Memoriam:

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Mary Kathryn Warren '28
Margaret Potts Coakley Humphrey '33
Marie Carneal Deere '35
Christine Maria Tanner Johnston '35
Lucy S. Stanley '35
Elizabeth Glenn Swinburne '35
Elaine Butler Griffin '36
Elizabeth Minor Lancaster '38
Alice Kilduff Dove '39
Betty Boggs Peddrick '39
Charlotte Scott "Scootie" Booker Tuggle '39
Rosella Tuck Davidson '40
Victoria Marshall Harris Massie '40
Elizabeth H. Cox Williams '41
Esther Anna Prochazka Bass '42
Mary Gouldin Goebel '42
Elizabeth "Betsy" C. Perry Houghton '42
Virginia Johnson Moeller Kisner '42
Pela Love Bobbitt '43
Virginia Richardson Middleton '43
Catharine Vaughan Powell Miller '43
Flora Copenhaver DeBusk Scott '43
Josephine Potts Coleman '44
Mary Griffin Underwood '44
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Peggy Rudacille Chapman '51
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Lucy Ann Ingalls Hostettler '54
Anna Nash Kay McDaniel '54
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Jean Miller Whitfield '58
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Susan McFarland Markel '63
Carolyn Watkins Magruder '64
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Elizabeth A. Handy Hawkes '65
Judith Anne Blair Dean '67
Katherine Badran Snow '69
Megan D. Schell '72
Brenda Faye Chewning Pritt '75
Dorothy Lee Puller Banning '80
Katherine Crockett Hathaway '80
Susan T. Daley '95
Cheryl Branighan Lorson MacEwen '96
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Jean Ann Fairfax Fallin '01
Brett David Watsen '05
Lisa Sharon Batchelder '06
Christopher Edward Morawetz '10

Condolences:

Elizabeth E. Parlin Newcomer '42, who lost her husband
Alice Williams Carver '43, who lost her husband
Christine L. Hall Herndon '44, who lost her sister
Helen Hawley Turner '44, who lost her husband
Louise Lilly Barrett '45, who lost her husband
Christine Brauer Krausse '45, who lost her husband
Betty J. Altenberger Calandruccio '46, who lost her husband
Judith L. Davis Clardy '47, who lost her husband
Phyllis Peery Riley '47, who lost her husband
Geraldine Boswell Griffin '50, who lost her husband
Helen Hopkins Timberlake '50, who lost her husband
Carolyn D. Bowers Atwell '51, who lost her mother
Jeanne Burckell MacDonald '51, who lost her father
Catherine Pizzuti Petraiuolo '56, who lost her husband
Barbara Broome Hamner '57, who lost her sister
Beverly Cooke Lordi '58, who lost her husband
Sue May Smyth Lam '60, who lost her husband
Margaret "Peggy" Howard Hodgkins '61, who lost her mother
Kathleen L. Sprenkle Lisagor '62, who lost her husband
Karen Elliott Vandevanter Chapman '63, who lost her husband
Mary A. Settle Johnson '63, who lost her husband
Elizabeth Watters Miller '69, who lost her husband
Diana J. Rupert Livingston '71, who lost her husband
Caren Moore Van Pelt '73, who lost her father
Lanona "Nonie" Gassman Robinson '74, who lost her mother
Faith Ann Geibel Moore '75, who lost her father
Kristen Maher Griesert '95, who lost her parents
Kristin M. Ruhl Bergstrom '99, who lost her father

Pauline Cosby Clements '23: A Remembrance

Pauline Cosby Clements '23, who was featured in the last issue of *University of Mary Washington TODAY*, died on May 3, 2008. Before her death, she was Mary Washington's oldest known living alumna. Born on Sept. 15, 1902, nearly six years before the University itself, Clements graduated from the institution when it was known as the Fredericksburg Normal School.

A retired school teacher who commanded the respect and earned the love of legions of students during her 45 years in the classroom, she was a devout Baptist who held an intense interest in politics.

She was married to the late Luther Raden Clements, and during her lifetime, she had been a member of the Retired Teachers Association of Virginia, Chatham Baptist Church, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Maude Clement Garden Club, Friends of the Library, and the Historical Society. She was involved in the Maury Literary Society and the YWCA, and she was a charter member of the Hargrave Woman's Club. She also served as chaplain of the William Pitt Chapter of the D.A.R.

In the magazine article, written by UMW history professor William B. Crawley Jr., Clements once again shared her great wisdom. In talking to Crawley, her former pupil, she paraphrased this Gandhi aphorism as advice to take to heart: "Learn as if you're going to live forever, but live as if you're going to die tomorrow."

Founders Day Reflections

Renowned historian and award-winning author David McCullough stressed the importance of a solid education during his keynote address at UMW's Centennial Founders Day Convocation in March.

To Pulitzer Prize-winning American historian David Gaub McCullough, the past is paramount. How fitting, then, for this bestselling author to help celebrate the University of Mary Washington's rich 100-year history. McCullough, who has penned such acclaimed novels as *1776* and *John Adams*, delivered a moving and provocative keynote address at the Centennial Founders Day Convocation on March 14, 2008. Here are excerpts:

To be here on Marye's Hill in Virginia on a beautiful day such as this to commemorate such good work over 100 years is an honor I will never forget, a pleasure beyond my expression, and my gratitude could not be greater.

Teachers, listen to this: "History cultivates every faculty of the mind, enlarges sympathies, liberalizes thought and feeling, furnishes and improves the highest standards of character." That was written by a high school teacher in a little town in the Midwest. Her name was Margaret Phelps, and she was Harry Truman's favorite teacher. And Harry Truman did his best in history because she was his favorite teacher, which is part of my theme, if you will, today.

We're raising generations of young Americans who are, by and large, historically illiterate. I have had students in some of the best colleges in the country tell me they had no idea that the original 13 colonies were on the East Coast. A study showed the average college senior today knows about the same amount of history that a sophomore in high school knew 25 years ago.

The teacher who doesn't know history can't love history, and we all know from our own experience, that those teachers who are the most effective are the teachers who loved what they were teaching: "Come over here and look in this microscope; you're going to get a kick out of this." Or, "Here's Edith Wharton's Ethan Frome. *Take this home. It's not on the reading list, but I think you'll like it." That kind of teacher truly can change your life.*

Show them what you love, that's the trick, that's the essence of it.

We have to show our children and grandchildren that the story of our country matters. We should take them to historic sites, and of course, here we are in this fabulous treasure trove of history in the great Commonwealth of Virginia, and there's no excuse.

Show them what you love. A little imagination, a little enthusiasm, some love, and it works.

I was giving a talk at a California campus not long ago and explained that we have no photographs of John Adams or Abigail. What we do have are their letters, their wonderful letters. And we have his diaries. But it isn't sufficient to just read what they wrote, it's essential to read what they read. You then begin to understand not just their vocabulary, but how they thought.

One of our greatest blessings, the greatest among all that we have inherited, is the English language and its power to express things. Keep in mind, too, please, that information, as much as we love to brag about it, isn't learning. If information were learning, you could become educated by memorizing the world almanac. If you memorized the world almanac, you wouldn't be educated, you'd be weird.

So, we must not let anybody cut the budgets in our public schools for art, music, and the theater. Take a look sometime at what we spend in this country a year on potato chips or lawn care or cosmetic surgery. Of course we can afford it.

I've been asked often if I had a choice of attending any of the many scenes that I have written about, what would it be. It was the day in 1825 when the old John Adams received as a visitor young Ralph Waldo Emerson. There we had two of the most remarkable figures in American history, and at one point, John Adams said, "I would to God that there were more ambition in the country," and then he paused and he said, "By that I mean ambition of the laudable kind—to excel."

Let's do everything we can to return to that objective, that mission—to teach them to have ambition to excel. On you go. 🏛

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AHEAD OF **THE PACK**

The UMW eagle pointed the way at the start of the 13.1-mile inaugural U.S. Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon in Fredericksburg in May. As part of a "Centennial Relay" of 13 UMW-associated runners, the eagle mascot, wearing bib No. 100, also finished the final tenth-mile of the course.

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